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NEW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT CENTRE TO OPEN IN TOWN

Report by **Henry James**

A NEW mental health support centre is to open in Skelmersdale this month.

The new centre, which will be provided by the Birchwood charity, based at the Ennerdale Centre, Tanhouse, will offer a same-day referral service to West Lancashire adults.

It will provide support to people who are experiencing mental health problems and in need of urgent practical support to help with their mental health crisis.

The centre will be delivered in partnership with a range of organisations to ensure the best possible support is given.

It aims to provide rapid, same-day assessment and support for people in mental distress, providing them with the support and help they need swiftly, while also reducing pressures on local NHS services, such as GP practices and emergency departments.

Anyone who feels they will benefit from the centre can access the support by self-referring.

The centre will support residents by having confidential discussions with them, offering them guidance where possible and referring them onto further specialist support, depending on their individual needs and circumstances, if they cannot be met at the Ennerdale Centre.

Stella Connell, chief executive officer at the Birchwood charity, said: "We are really excited to have been commissioned to provide this new mental health support centre in Skelmersdale.

"It will run alongside our other Birchwood services including our homeless and supported housing services, social isolation, counselling, mediation, community cafes and outreach services.

"The centre will offer a safe, calm, warm and friendly atmosphere for people who are distressed and may find themselves in urgent need of mental health support.

"We know that everyone is different and therefore have diverse needs when experiencing a crisis or needing longer term support. Our new centre will pride itself on offering a vast array of services co-ordinated from one place, with a firm focus on dealing with the immediate needs of the individual.

Stella Connell, chief executive officer at the Birchwood charity.

"We know that many people experience short-term mental health crisis due to issues with matters such as housing, homelessness, debt, relationships, social isolation, poverty, unemployment and many more factors. These types of issues have a serious impact on a person's mental health, but the crisis will often pass quickly if they have access to fast, compassionate and immediate practical and ongoing support."

Phil Winnard, mental health commissioning manager at NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "We know that in West Lancashire, there is a need for mental health support services to be more accessible and closer to home, providing more timely support alongside an urgent need to reduce the pressures on our health care services.

"The new centre will do this by offering an alternative to their GP, walk-in-centre or accident and emergency department. It will not replace any existing local statutory mental health services, but it will have close links with it. People will be able to contact the centre and book an appointment to meet with specially-trained support staff, obtain telephone support or be signposted to other services.

"We have been working closely with North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust (NWAS), the police, Lancashire County Council, West Lancashire

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Witness appeal after knife-point robbery of woman delivery driver

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after another knife-related crime in Skelmersdale.

In the latest incident a female delivery driver was robbed at knife-point while making a delivery in Alderley, Digmoor at around 8.45pm on Friday, January 31.

The woman is reported to have been approached by two teenage boys who threatened her with a knife before stealing a mobile phone and food and drink which she was delivering.

The offenders are described as white and both around 5ft tall. One was wearing a grey tracksuit with a hood and the other was dressed all in black, with a black coat with a fur hood.

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police, said: "We are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident, or seen the delivery driver walking around, to get in touch. It is understood she was in the area looking for the address for around 15 minutes."

Anyone with information is asked to contact 101 quoting log number 1452 of January 31. Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Renewed warning about consequences of carrying knives

POLICE officers are again warning about the consequences of carrying knives after a teenager was sentenced to four years for a stabbing offence.

The 16-year-old, who can't be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm and possession of a knife.

The youth, from Skelmersdale, appeared at Preston Crown Court on Monday, February 4 and was sentenced to four years in youth detention.

Police were called on January 4 after a 16-year-old boy was stabbed in the back as he walked with

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Council seeks residents' suggestions for possible development sites

Results of online consultation will form pool of locations from which land allocation for new Local Plan will eventually be chosen

WEST Lancs Council is undertaking a 'Call for Sites' exercise as it starts work on its new Local Plan for 2023 to 2038.

The authority is asking residents to let them know about sites in the borough that could possibly be used for housing, business, employment land, Traveller accommodation, retail, commercial uses, or for people to build their own homes.

People can tell the council about sites they believe are appropriate for development by filling in the official 'Call for sites' form online which will be available at www.west-lancs.gov.uk/callforsites from tomorrow (Thursday, February 13.

The council will consider all suggestions put forward on official forms by Thursday, March 26 when the consultation ends. These will form a 'pool' of sites from which proposed land allocations will eventually be chosen in the new Local Plan.

Even if people have submitted a site for consideration previously, they will still need to send details of the site. The council is starting with a 'clean slate' when considering potential development sites for the new plan and previously submitted sites will not automatically be carried forward for consideration.

Councillor David Evans.

Later in the year, the council intends to make public the information it receives about suggested sites, as part of the first consultation exercise on the new Local Plan.

People will then be able to comment on the sites submitted. This will help the council as it looks to choose the most appropriate sites for allocation. As such, the more information people can provide on a site, the better able the council and others will be to reliably consider the site suggestion.

Judged

Councillor David Evans, cabinet member for planning, said: "If there is land that you think should be considered for development please let the council know by completing the official 'Call for sites' form.

"Putting a site forward in this exercise is not a guarantee the council will subsequently allocate it or support its development in the future. All sites will need to be judged against relevant planning policies and other considerations."

If you have any queries about the Call for Sites or how to complete the online form, call 01695 585194.

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Up Holland team win national Skills for Care Accolades award

RICHARD Reddington and his team of personal assistants in Up Holland waltzed off with a top accolade at a national awards ceremony where Strictly Come Dancing star, Anton Du Beke presented them with their trophy!

The Richard's House team won the 'Best individual who employs their own care and support staff' category at the Skills for Care Accolades awards after coming through a rigorous verification process.

The Accolades are national awards for adult social care providers, services and individual employers in England. They identify and celebrate those who are committed to getting the best from their most valuable resource - their people.

Richard's House has been in place for 11 years and is managed by Richard's mum, Tess Reddington, who has overall responsibility.

The five highly-trained team members and Richard attend monthly house meetings where they all contribute to ensuring that the service is the best it can be.

Tess said: "Everyone who attended the awards ceremony was absolutely delighted when Richard's name was read out - it is recognition on a national stage of the hard work his tireless team puts in all year round.

"We are totally committed to making sure his team can develop their skills and knowledge because that means he can live the life he wants to."

The accolades are now in their 17th year recognising organisations who support the learning and development needs of their workers and the competition is open to all 20,3000 organisations who offer adult social care in England.

Richard's House, which recently moved from Scarisbrick to Up Holland, impressed the judges with the drive, commitment and love they showed and the shared ownership between support from the team and the relationship with Richard and the family.

The judges felt the team were very well supported in their learning and development.

The Richard's House team receive their award from Strictly star Anton Du Beke.

MP vows to keep pressing Government on railway station funding pledge

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has welcomed the Government's response to her call for funding for a railway station in Skelmersdale.

Following the General Election campaign, during which Boris Johnson promised the funding, West Lancs MP Ms Cooper wrote directly to the Prime Minister asking for further detail on his announcement and how the Skelmersdale project can access the money it needs to come to fruition.

Transport Minister, Chris Heaton-Harris, replied on behalf of the Government to confirm that £500m has been pledged to start re-opening lines closed following the Beeching report, reconnecting smaller towns, regenerating local economies and improving access to jobs, homes and education.

Committed

Mr Heaton Harris' letter states: "We anticipate that part of the £500m funding will be used to accelerate the development of schemes that are already being considered."

Rosie Cooper commented: "The minister tells me that further details on the funding will be announced soon and I continue to press him for the detail on when exactly this will be and when we can get on with the next stage of the project here in Skelmersdale.

"He has committed to speaking with Lancashire County Council once they are ready to present the business case and secure the money. I will meet Lancashire County Council this week to progress this further.

"I met with the Transport Secretary and Minister on Tuesday, February 4 where they reiterated that funding for stations would be made available, and that the Burscough Curves would also be considered. I am clear that I will hold the Prime Minister to his promise. I have taken every opportunity to lobby Ministers, ask questions in Parliament and make the case for a railway station in Skelmersdale.

"Many Skelmersdale residents feel isolated and forgotten. They think the railway station would never be built - but with plans already well advanced and after the Prime Minister's announcement, it's a lot closer!

"A railway station in the heart of Skelmersdale will open up a world of economic and social opportunities for the town and its residents.

"It is inconceivable that in the 21st century, a town with a population of 38,000, is served only by infrequent buses and where residents who don't own cars can't easily go about their daily lives, work, shop or enjoy visits to theatres and cinemas in Liverpool and Manchester."

Rosie Cooper with Transport Minister Grant Shapps.

New mental health support centre to open

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Borough Council, the local community, voluntary and faith sector, and our statutory mental health providers to develop a model that we hope will make a real difference to people's lives.

"We will monitor and evaluate the service to ensure that it provides exactly what West Lancashire needs, both now and in the future."

Accessing the centre can be done by a range of referral pathways, including self-referral, by calling the centre on 01695 720 128.

The Ennerdale Centre is at Ennerdale, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale WN8 6AN.

An open day will be taking place this Friday (February 14) from 12.30pm, where members of the public and interested partners can come to look at the new site.

For further details contact the Birchwood Centre on 01695 717 115.

Although initially the centre will provide support to people aged 18 and over, it is hoped to extend this service to children and young people in the future.

Police issue new warning about consequences of carrying knives

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his girlfriend on a footpath in Firbeck, near The Concourse in Skelmersdale. He was treated at hospital and subsequently discharged.

Two other youths, aged 13 and 14 from Skelmersdale, were arrested in connection with the incident and remain under investigation.

Detective Sergeant Paul Mulrooney, of South CID, said: "Carrying and using a knife can have tragic consequences and it is only through good fortune that the victim in this case was not more seriously injured, or even killed.

"We will continue to proactively target those who carry knives as part of our work to keep our communities safe."

Knife bins have been installed across Lancashire, including in Skelmersdale, to provide people a safe place to dispose of unwanted knives and sharp items.

A total of 16 new safe and secure containers will be located in busy, well-lit areas that are easy to get to as part of Lancashire Constabulary's ongoing work to keep knives off the streets.

They aim to provide people with a legal and safe way to surrender knives and bladed items.

Using the bins helps to keep unwanted bladed weapons out of circulation. Any knives will be disposed of by the police, unless there is an obvious sign one has been used in a crime.

Hotter appoint first head of product development

LEADING footwear manufacturers Hotter Shoes have appointed their first head of product development and research with the remit of revolutionising the brand's comfort DNA.

Giles Coulson joins the Skelmersdale-based company having most recently worked at Hudson Shoes in Sri Lanka.

Hotter chief executive, Ian Watson, said: "Giles is a key appointment to our product team, his exceptional international shoe making experience is integral to our plan to move products forward at speed. He has already implemented a raft of new product developments, I'm certain he will catapult our comfort DNA to the next level."

Giles has also worked in the USA for Rocky Brands, as well as spending time at Clarks and Dr Martens.

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Borough hit by flooding and fallen trees as Storm Ciara leaves her mark

LANCASHIRE County Council said its highways teams received in the region of 400 calls and worked around the clock to respond to issues caused by Storm Ciara across the county.

The authority said its teams helped to deal with problems related to localised flooding of roads and fallen trees, with staff using sandbags to divert water where necessary and chainsaws to remove trees which were causing obstructions.

Meanwhile work was also ongoing to clear drains blocked by flood debris, repair retaining walls damaged by the flood waters, and assess damage to roads and other infrastructure.

The highways teams assisted with flooding incidents in Newburgh, Hesketh Bank, Dalton, Ormskirk, and Burscough; while trees were removed from Junction Lane and Crabtree Road in Burscough; Cross Hall Brow in Ormskirk; and Hillock Lane, and Southport Road, Scarisbrick.

In Skelmersdale the storm caused problems on the roads in the town, disrupted travel and resulted in the cancellation of events, as well as sporting fixtures.

The path at the bottom of Collington was among the roads badly flooded. Resident Alan Gunnigle said: "I've lived in Skelmersdale for all my life and never seen it flood like this here."

There were also problems on the roads around the Concourse. And the Skelmersdale Junior Football League also had to call off all their scheduled games on Sunday.

A spokesperson for the county council has said in many cases roads were temporarily flooded due to the high volume of water, and there weren't necessarily any highway issues to be resolved once the water had drained away.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Our highways and emergency planning teams have had a very busy weekend as part of the multi-agency emergency response to deal with the impacts of Storm Ciara.

Reader Alan Gunnigle sent this picture of the flooded path at Collington in Skelmersdale.

"I'd like to thank them for their hard work and dedication as I understand they put in some very long hours, and did all they could to mitigate the impact of the flooding on our communities."

As the lead local flood authority for Lancashire, the county council says it will be investigating the causes of flooding as a result of Storm Ciara in order to identify where repairs may still be required, which organisations need to be involved, and in particular where there may be opportunities to bid for funding for schemes to mitigate future flooding.

People are asked to report any issues with as much detail as possible, particularly where properties have been affected, by calling 0300 123 6780 during normal working hours or by email to highways@lancashire.gov.uk.

Meanwhile the Met Office has issued a warning about Storm Dennis heading for the UK over the next few days. Chief meteorologist, Steve Ramsdale, said: "Another spell of very wet and windy weather is expected for Saturday. Although Storm Dennis is currently not expected to be as severe as Ciara, disruption is still likely."

HGV driver pleads guilty to causing death by dangerous driving in M58 tragedy

A MAN has pleaded guilty to causing the death of an Ormskirk school teaching assistant and a 14-year-old boy by driving dangerously on the M58.

Anne Kerr, 50, from Southport and 14-year-old Joe Cairns, from Radcliffe, Greater Manchester, suffered fatal injuries in an accident in January last year.

The incident involved a number of vehicles, including an HGV and a minibus.

James Majury, 33, from Coppull, who was driving the HGV - a Mercedes Skip Loader - pleaded guilty to two counts of causing death by dangerous driving and five counts of causing serious injury, at Preston Crown Court on Tuesday (February 11).

He was remanded in custody ahead of a two-day sentencing hearing on March 31 and April 1.

The court heard that Majury had been using apps on his mobile phone shortly before the accident occurred.

The accident happened on the westbound carriageway of the motorway close to junction 3 near Bickerstaffe.

Mrs Kerr was a member of staff at Pontville School in Ormskirk where Joe was a pupil.

Both were travelling in the minibus and died at the scene.

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County constabulary rated 'outstanding for efficiency' by watchdog

Inspectorate's report praises force's approach to planning and investment in critical areas

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has been rated as "outstanding for efficiency" following an inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

Additionally, the inspectorate rated the constabulary good at reducing crime, keeping people safe, protecting vulnerable people and treating its staff and communities with fairness.

HMICFRS inspects all police forces and fire and rescue services in England and Wales to assess their efficiency and effectiveness.

The 2018/19 report praises Lancashire Constabulary's approach to planning based on evidence and insight, making investment in critical service areas to meet the changing nature of demand and aligning resources to meet the expectations of the public.

This "robust approach" to planning has enabled the constabulary to focus on its core services - answering calls from the public, responding to the public's needs and investigating crime.

Lancashire's Chief Constable Andy Rhodes said: "I am delighted that we have been rated as 'outstanding' in how we operate and provide sustainable services.

"We know there is still work to do, but by focusing on getting our core services right over the past couple of years, we are now in a good position to meet the challenge of growing the constabulary in the future, as a result of new funding into policing.

"The report endorses that we are focusing our resources in the right place, at the right time, and importantly, that we are getting it right - listening to our staff and communities, tackling the issues that are important to them and investing where we need to.

Chief Constable Andy Rhodes."The report endorses that we are focusing our resources in the right place, at the right time, and importantly, that we are getting it right"-

"Whilst the last few years have been incredibly difficult due to the impact of austerity and budget cuts, we have made significant investment to ensure that the most vulnerable people in our county are protected from harm, and, that we deliver on our purpose of keeping people safe."

The constabulary says it has invested in key services and provided officers and staff with the tools they need to do their job.

Examples cited include:

- £3m invested in Neighbourhood Task Forces who tackle the issues that are important in their area and strengthened specialist target teams thanks to local people supporting an increase in their council tax precept.
- The number of response officers increased to ensure that officers are there for people when they are needed the most.
- £8million invested in investigations to protect vulnerable people, over the last three years and an increase in the number of control room operators, in line with growing demand into the force control room, to enable people to get through as soon as possible.
- Maximising evidential opportunities from the growing demand for digital forensic examination by investing £3m in digital technology to aid investigations and solve crime.
- Roll-out of over 4,000 new digital devices to officers to improve efficiency and effectiveness, meaning officers can be responsive in real time, complete relevant reports on the move and away from the police station, be contacted directly by members of the public.
- Financing a £5.5m investment in information communication technology, including rolling out new body-worn video to protect officers and members of the public.
- Committed to spending on refurbishing existing police buildings to ensure they remain fit for purpose and retain a visible presence in communities.
- Looking after the physical and mental welfare of officers and staff by significantly investing in occupational health and wellbeing services so they can continue to serve and protect the county.

Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, commented: "In spite of 10 years of government cuts, this inspection is testament that Lancashire continues to have one of the best and most efficient police forces in the country which we should all be proud of."

Council chief highlights importance of town's Ambassadors Network

LEADER of West Lancs Council, Councillor Ian Moran, has spoken about the importance of the Skelmersdale Ambassadors Network as it gears up for its next major event.

As reported in the Champion last week the Ambassadors are holding a business breakfast event at Hub 2 in the Main Building, at Edge Hill University in Ormskirk on Wednesday, February 26, from 7.45 to 9.30am.

Councillor Ian Moran, who is also the authority's cabinet member for growth and development, said: "A key council priority is to be ambitious for our economy. These are exciting times for Skelmersdale with the start of the new town centre development underway.

Benefits

"The Ambassadors Network is a great initiative for businesses across the borough to join and help to make the local economy even stronger, which in turn will benefit everyone living and working here."

Cultivating Connections is the theme of the business breakfast event which will feature presentations by Edge Hill University's Productivity & Innovation team who offer support for Lancashire based SMEs; Katie Whitehead (of Divine Days) on launching Skelmersdale's Legacy Project internships; and Steve Fogg, chair of the Lancashire LEP on growing the economic fortunes of Lancashire.

Councillor Ian Moran.

Mark Whitworth, CEO of Peel Ports and chair of the Skelmersdale Place Board, said: "There are real benefits in the public and private sector building and maintaining great relationships. It is these relationships and connections that will determine the future success of the local economy."

Booking is required in advance to secure a place at the event. To register your place and for more information visit www.letstalk-skelmersdale.com/events.

Free advice session on how to avoid being a scam victim

THE South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network (SWLICAN) is hosting a free advice session at The Evermoor-Hub, Birleywood, Digmoor oon Tuesday, February 25.

Running from 1 to 2pm, the event, called Friends Against Scams, is a National Trading Standards initiative, which aims to educate people on how scams work to prevent them from falling victim.

NatWest Bank has joined forces with National Trading Standards to provide these free information sessions across the country to aid in the fight against the fastest growing type of crime in the UK.

The network says session will help people to become safe and secure digitally and will give them an awareness of email and online scams and the impact this has on social media.

For more information email swlican2014@gmail.com, ring 01695 726269 or visit http://www.swlican.org/.

Pupils get a taste of life in Victorian times

YOUNGSTERS from St James' Catholic Primary School swapped their school uniforms for attire from a bygone age when they enjoyed a tour around Tatton Park.

The Year 2 pupils from the school in Ashurst Road, Skelmersdale visited the National Trust property near Knutsford, Cheshire to see how the Victorians lived.

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Ormskirk resident is new chief executive of Liverpool theatres

ORMSKIRK resident Mark Da Vanzo (pictured) is the new chief executive of Liverpool Everyman & Playhouse Theatres.

Originally from New Zealand, Mark has held the post of managing director with the theatres for the past three years and has played a key role in support of the creation of the organisation's new business plan and future strategy, recently approved by Arts Council England.

Previously he was the deputy chief executive of Pitlochry Festival Theatre in Scotland and also worked for Creative New Zealand and the Walt Disney company in London.

Chair of the Liverpool theatres' board of trustees, Andrea Nixon, said: "We're delighted to appoint Mark in this role, chosen from a strong field of candidates in a robust and transparent process supported by Arts Council England and Liverpool City Council.

"We look forward to him continuing the great work now underway as we prepare to continue our journey of change through our new business plan for 2020-22."

Mark said:"It is a true honour to have been chosen to lead the iconic

Liverpool Everyman & Playhouse Theatres. I am delighted to be supported in this endeavour by an excellent board of trustees, led by Andrea Nixon and wonderful staff team including our award-winning artistic director, Gemma Bodinetz.

"As we write a new chapter in our theatres' illustrious histories, we look forward to championing the arts throughout our city region, working with new and existing partners to tell the stories of the communities we serve and be a beacon in the North renowned for artistic innovation, talent development and progressive social change."

Mark will take up his new role on April 1.

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Supermarket demands fuel mushroom grower's farm expansion plans

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Company says proposal will create 70 jobs but opponents claim it will turn Green Belt land into 'an industrial area' and bring traffic problems on nearby roads

View from Heatons Bridge Road of the area Smithy Mushroom wants to expand on to.

GROWING demand by a supermarket giant's customers for two obscure varieties of mushroom has prompted a West Lancs company to draw up expansion plans which it claims could create 70 jobs.

Tesco says that Brown Oyster Cluster and King Oyster mushrooms - key components of its Wicked Kitchen vegan food range - have become so popular because of their meat-like texture that sales have rocketed by nearly 240 per cent.

As a result, the Brown Oyster Cluster mushrooms are now being commercially grown by Smithy Mushrooms of Scarisbrick with plans for the company to start growing the King Oyster variety later this year.

And, as previously reported, the company has submitted an application to West Lancs Council for permission to expand its Smithy Lane farm. The planning application states that the expansion will enable the company to double its workforce from 70 to 140.

However, the plans have been opposed by local residents and the parish council who claim the proposed new 'farm' building is more like a factory and say the local roads won't be able to cope with the increased number of heavy good vehicles accessing the site.

Smithy Mushrooms director, John Dorrian, said that the expansion was essential to meet growing demand and he claimed that all residents' concerns have been addressed in the planning application.

He said: "The plant-based food revolution has had a major impact on sales and we are already at the planning stage for a new purpose-built farm which will allow us to grow more of these specialist varieties used in vegan cooking.

"We've been growing Oyster mushrooms here for 25 years but have never had demand like we're seeing now."

Tesco's director of plant-based innovation, Derek Sarno, added: "Brown Oyster Cluster and King Oyster mushrooms offer such a meaty texture and versatility that they can be adapted to replicate just about any meat dish making them the perfect ingredient for plant-based cooking."

Janet Murphy, a member of a group leading the opposition to the expansion plans, says she is fully in support of the business growing but that it should use local industrial areas to develop and not grade one Green Belt agricultural land.

She also said traffic on the adjacent Heatons Bridge Road was already atrocious and pointed out that the area was home to a lot of wildlife.

"He [John Dorrian]wants to take up this land, put six hectares of concrete down and then build what is a factory,

"It's going to turn Scarisbrick into an industrial area."

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Local building contractors shortlisted in prestigious Red Rose awards scheme

Report by **Henry James**

East Gillibrands-based company in running for customer service accolade

SKELMERSDALE-based building and maintenance contractors UPS Building Services have been named as finalists in the Red Rose Awards 2020 which aim to celebrate and showcase Lancashire's business success stories.

Spanning micro-businesses to international brand names and a full spectrum of industries and representatives from every part of Lancashire, organisers say this year's awards have attracted the strongest set of entrants in its 10-year history.

UPS Building & Maintenance of Gratton Place, East Gillibrands is up for an award in the Customer Service category.

The finalists will now be invited to present their case in person before an expert panel of judges which will be tasked with picking one winner from the six contenders in each of 25 categories.

The ultimate decision rests in the hands of 70 entrepreneurs, business owners and experienced decision makers, who will meet over two days at Ewood Park, Blackburn this month.

Commitment

The identity of the winners will be kept as a closely-guarded secret until the black tie prize giving ceremony on Thursday, March 12 at the Winter Gardens Blackpool, where an audience of more than 1,100 will hear which businesses and organisations have triumphed.

Sarah Hall, head of business development at Blackpool and The Fylde College, judging partner for the awards for the second year running, said: "Every year the standard of award entries goes from strength to strength - a clear indication that business owners are increasing their commitment to the development and upskilling of their teams.

"As ever, the college is hugely excited to be part of the Red Rose Awards. We can't wait to celebrate the winners and their achievements!"

Oliver Burton, chief executive at Forbes Solicitors, headline sponsors of the awards for the 10th year, said: "Deciding the finalists is a very difficult task so all finalists should be proud to reach this stage. We look forward to meeting them on the interview days to hear more about their success stories in Lancashire and beyond."

And John Stanworth, head of corporate banking at Barclays in Lancashire, a headline sponsor for seven years, added: "As always the award entries have been of a very high standard making judging a very difficult job indeed. It's always great to read about different businesses in the county and their success stories."

UPS Building & Maintenance of Gratton Place, East Gillibrands who have been named as finalists in the Red Rose Awards 2020.

The winning Futsal team from St Richard's Catholic Primary.

Futsal 'first' for St Richard's

SPORTY youngsters from St Richard's Catholic Primary are celebrating after triumphing in the town's school Futsal competition for the first time.

A variant of football, Futsal is played on a hard court, smaller than a football pitch, and mainly indoors.

Despite a tricky group, St Richard's progressed to the quarter-finals with victories over Little Digmoor, Trinity and Hillside.

A hard-fought 2-1 success against Moorside then secured a last-four clash with Holland Moor which went to penalties before St Richard's triumphed thanks to a fine save by goalkeeper, Charlie.

The final against Cobbs Brow saw another close game before St Richard's clinched the trophy with a late goal.

College hosts events outlining benefits of apprenticeships

SKELMERSDALE-based West Lancashire College hosted a wide range of events and informative sessions about the benefits of apprenticeships as part of National Apprenticeship Week (February 3-9).

The event offers students, parents and employers an opportunity to recognise and appreciate apprenticeship success stories.

The college's new Careers Café ran numerous sessions to help students appreciate the benefits of an apprenticeship, as well as providing essential information on the skills needed in the workplace and what is required to be successful at job interviews.

There was also input from local and regional employers who attended to offer a real insight into the labour market and to provide advice, information and guidance to students interested in progressing onto an apprenticeship.

Following on from National Apprenticeship week, the college held an open event on Monday (February 10) featuring their very own apprenticeship hub.

Former and current apprentices attended sharing their stories and achievements along with their employers who gave their perspective on apprenticeships.

The winning Woodland Community Primary team with their medals.

Woodlands notch follow-up triumph in District Indoor Athletics competition

THESE budding sports stars from Woodland Community Primary School (above) are celebrating at the double after triumphing in the District Indoor Athletics competition run the West Lancs Sports Partnership for the second year in succession.

They will now go on to represent West Lancashire and compete in the Lancashire School Games Final.

A spokesperson for the school said: "The standard of performance and sportsmanship on display was outstanding. Congratulations to all who took part. Also, thank-you to West Lancs Sports Partnership."

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West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper with Stop Parbold Hill Landfill campaigners at an earlier protest.

MP reiterates community concerns over Parbold Hill landfill application

ROSIE Cooper has again written to both Lancashire County Council and the Environment Agency to reiterate her concerns and those of local residents over the Parbold Hill landfill application.

The West Lancs MP initially contacted the pair last summer expressing concerns about the scale of the proposed landfill, the notice period for the application and the possible drastic increase in traffic and congestion on an already busy A5209.

Since then, revised information has been submitted and the Environment Agency has withdrawn its objection as any outstanding issues or concerns it has "should be dealt with through a permit variation application."

However, new information provided by the Stop Parbold Hill Landfill campaign group, prompted the MP's further correspondence on the issue.

In response, Lancashire County Council assured Ms Cooper that it will consult with the Environment Agency on the new information, while the EA confirmed it would respond formally to the council, if asked for its view.

Campaigners raised technical concerns with the MP over the revised application, in particular about leachate and their belief that the proposal is unsafe.

Rosie Cooper said: "I stand by my initial concerns over the scale of the landfill and the traffic issues, despite the revised application.

"The information provided to me by the Stop Parbold Hill Landfill group raises further concerns of a technical nature, and I have brought these to the attention of both Lancashire County Council, as the relevant planning authority who will ultimately assess and determine the application, and to the Environment Agency, who would deal with any future application relating to the permit.

"LCC have assured me that they will consult with the EA on these matters and I am grateful that the EA have committed to providing a formal response.

"Residents are concerned about this application for many reasons, and I will continue to ensure that those reasons are addressed fully by the relevant agencies."

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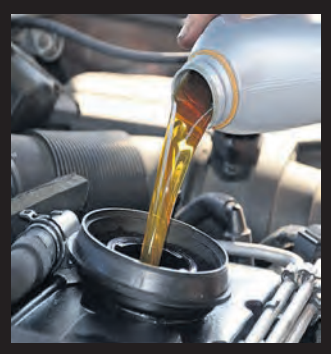
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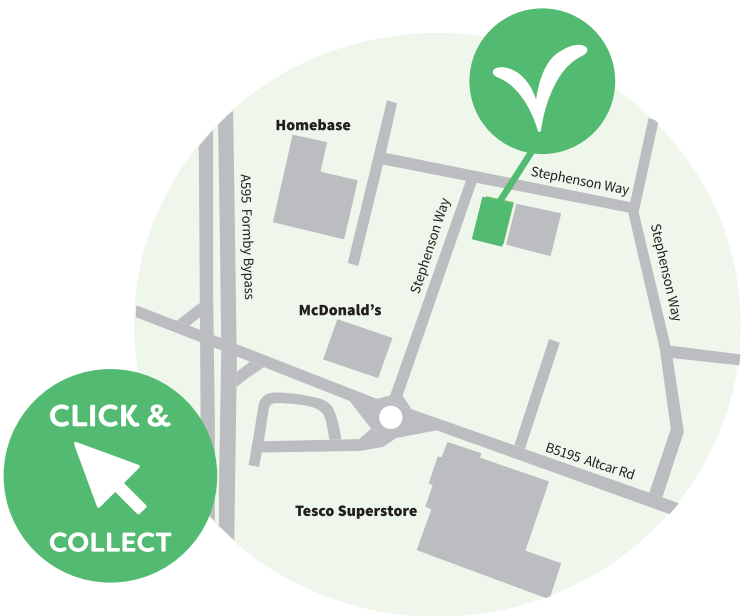

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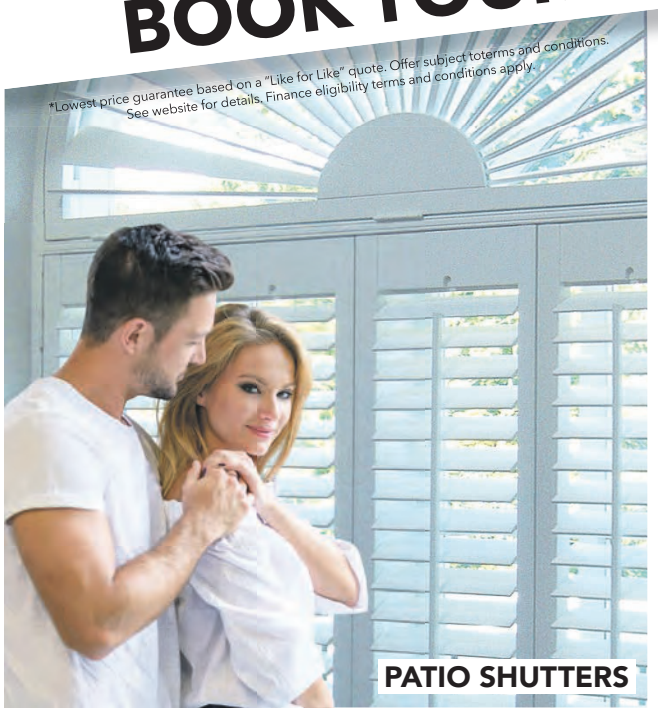
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Police commissioner repeats call for fairer long-term funding

He says cash for 153 extra officers is welcome but public "shouldn't have to stump up more and more for policing"

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner is calling for fairer, long-term funding of policing following the latest Government settlement.

Although the settlement included an increase of £17.8m, which will pay for an extra 153 police officers, Clive Grunshaw says that still leaves the force 600 officers down from 2010.

The Government announced that the amount of grants available to police commissioners nationally for 2020/21 will increase by £667m. Along with additional grants to fight organised crime, serious violence, online child abuse and county lines drugs gangs, a total of £15.2 billion will be available if commissioners also take full advantage of flexibility to set the police precept.

The extra funding is to enable forces to recruit the first 6,000 of a promised 20,000 additional police officers by the end of March 2021.

Mr Grunshaw says that although a consultation shows public support for an increase in precept, that council tax payers should not have to carry the burden to fund police

Clive Grunshaw.

Provided it receives the approval of the Police and Crime Panel the county's council tax policing precept will rise by £10 per year on a Band D property from April.

The commissioner said: "Whilst I clearly welcome the funding for 153 additional police officers for the county, this is only the first step in addressing the enduring funding problems that exist and still leaves us with 600 fewer officers than in 2010.

"The core Government grant for Lancashire Police has only marginally increased and means there is no direct funding in this settlement for last September's pay award of 2.5% for our officers, nor for any pay awards for staff or for any other inflationary cost increases.

"Instead, the Government expect that the cost pressures we face will be met locally through the precept. Whilst I am grateful for the public's continued support, I still believe it is inherently unfair that residents are asked to stump up more and more money for policing when many are already feeling the strain caused by years of austerity and the increased cost of living.

"A long-term plan is required to address growing pressures on the service instead of one-year gifts that paper over cracks caused by years of underfunding.

"The Government has also announced a 70% cut to our capital grant at a time when we are trying to invest in new IT, vehicles and buildings to make the organisation as efficient as possible and fit for future challenges and growth in demand."

And the commissioner said he was continuing to push to reform the funding formula which sees forces like Surrey gaining 70 additional police officers having only lost eight since 2010.

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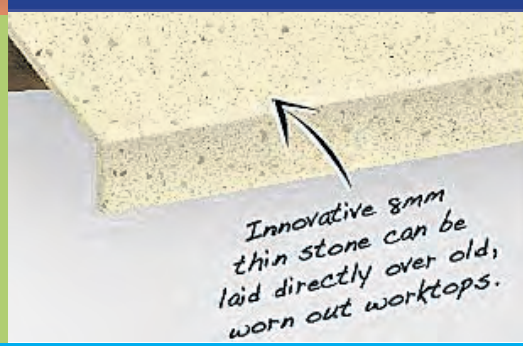

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University says strike will cause 'minimal disruption'

BOSSES at Edge Hill University have said that if planned strike action goes ahead next week there will be "minimal disruption to teaching and learning opportunities."

The action is due to start on Thursday, February 20 and then escalate each week.

A spokesperson for the university said: "The University and Colleges Union is in dispute with employers over a pay award that is negotiated nationally and over which Edge Hill has no individual control. This is a national dispute which cannot be resolved at a local level by us. We are aware that UCEA continues to talk to the UCU in the hope of finding a solution to the dispute.

"Edge Hill is committed to supporting students and if the strike action goes ahead we will ensure there is minimal disruption to teaching and learning opportunities in order to minimise the impact on students."

Edge Hill University.

The disputes centre on "the sustainability of the Universities Superannuation Scheme" (USS) and rising costs for members, and on "universities' failure to make significant improvements on pay, equality, casualisation and workloads."

Scheduled strike dates are as follows: Week one - Thursday and Friday, February 20 and 21. Week two – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, February 24, 25 and 27. Week three – Monday to Thursday, March 2 to 5. Week four Monday to Friday, March 9 to 13.

UCU general secretary Jo Grady has said: "If universities want to avoid further disruption they need to deal with rising pension costs, and address the problems over pay and conditions."

Builder's grand boost for animal sanctuary

A WEST Lancs animal charity is among the latest beneficiaries of a builder's scheme to boost local community intitatives.

Persimmon Homes Lancashire has pledged £1,000 to help the running costs of the Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood, which specialises in rescuing and rehoming ill, unwanted or neglected pets and wildlife.

The donation is courtesy of the housebuilder's Community Champions scheme which invites local groups and charities to bid for match-funding cash.

Diane Finch, sales and marketing director at Persimmon Homes Lancashire, said: "Woodlands Animal Sanctuary is a fantastic charity and we are delighted to be able to support them.

"We make two local donations of up to £1,000 every month through the Persimmon Community Champions scheme. Organisations can apply for funding by completing a simple online form at www.persimmonhomes.com/charity."

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Quaker burials to be subject of next history group talk

GUEST speaker Chris Skidmore will talk about Quaker burial practices of the last 350 years, with special reference to the north, at the next meeting of the Ormskirk and District Historical Society.

This will be held on Monday, February 17 at Four Lane Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe, starting at at 7.30pm.

Admission is £3 for visitors but free for students with appropriate ID.

From the 1650s, Quakers chose to bury their dead other than in parish graveyards.

Plots were usually enclosed by a wall and were often donated by sympathetic landowners or on land purchased by Quaker members.

With the decline in Quakerism, especially in the countryside, the graveyards often remain overgrown as a walled copse surrounded by farmland, as with that at Grave Yard Lane, Bickerstaffe.

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West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper at the RSPCA drop-in event in the House of Commons.

MP supports campaign to teach pupils about animal welfare

ROSIE Cooper met up with RSPCA chief executive Chris Sherwood at a drop-in event at the House of Commons to learn about the charity's Generation Kind initiative.

Research by the RSPCA revealed that nearly a quarter of school children aged 10 to 18 have witnessed animal cruelty and neglect on social media. Generation Kind, the charity's biggest ever education and prevention programme, has been developed to help address this.

West Lancs MP Ms Cooper said: "I'm proud to support the RSPCA and the work that they do to protect animal welfare. It was fantastic to hear about their work and to thank them on behalf of the animal lovers in our area for all that they do.

"However, I am saddened that young children are being exposed to horrific incidents of animal suffering online, in ways previous generations have simply not experienced.

Compassion

"We all have a duty to raise the next generation to be kind and compassionate to animals and I will continue to work closely with the RSPCA to help improve standards of animal welfare in West Lancashire and across the UK."

Chris Sherwood added: "It's great that Rosie Cooper attended our drop-in event to find out how we help animals in West Lancashire.

"We are working hard to create a generation of children who treat animals with kindness, compassion and respect through Generation Kind - a series of projects working with youngsters at risk of offending, animal care sessions for children in care and also talks and competitions for primary and secondary school children designed to make them think about animal welfare."

Don't miss deadline for VE Day street party applications

WITH celebrations of the 75th anniversary of VE Day fast approaching West Lancs Council is asking anyone planning to organise a street party to complete their online application by Sunday, March 8.

This year's early May bank holiday will take place on Friday, May 8 - rather than on the first Monday - to coincide with the anniversary of the Allies' victory in Europe.

And, as happened in 1945, communities are invited to hold street parties to commemorate the day which marked the end of the near-six-year war with Nazi Germany.

Information on what you need to do to ensure your party goes ahead and to make your application can be found on the council website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/street-party.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen, said: "I am really looking forward to the anniversary of such an important day in our history and seeing local communities celebrate together."

Local authorities defend record on climate change

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE borough and county councils have defended their efforts to tackle climate change against claims by a local environmental campaigner that they are not doing enough.

Roz Cheetham, local representative for Friends of the Earth, said: "The Champion has reported several climate change related-articles involving West Lancs Borough Council recently and we congratulate the council on their rejection of fracking and rejection of single-use plastics plans.

"However, Friends of the Earth have a website that shows how well each local council is doing regarding a climate action plan and sadly the local authorities aren't doing that well. It would be interesting to see what further plans they have to protect the local area from the ravages of climate change."

According to FOE's research, the West Lancashire area's performance on climate change is poor compared to other similar local authority areas.

However, a spokesperson for West Lancs Council said: "The council declared a climate emergency in July 2019 and is working on a number of related initiatives.

"We continue to work with Lancashire County Council to improve infrastructure for alternative transport to the private car, to help residents and people that work in and visit the borough to travel to, from and around it more sustainably.

"Our proposed Carbon Neutrality Plan sets out how we intend to achieve our aspirations to be carbon neutral by 2030, at the latest, and identify priority areas for action. Recommendations in the plan, which councillors will discuss later this year, include making our corporate buildings and council operations carbon neutral by 2030.

"We are investigating ways of making council-owned housing and commercial estate more energy efficient, which could reduce fuel poverty as well as helping the environment. We are about to start work on installing solar panels at the West Lancashire Investment Centre, and are aiming to stop using single-use plastics by the end of 2020.

"The proposed plan would aim to build on our previous work to help the environment, such as installing LED lighting in council corporate buildings, solar panels in 588 of our homes and air source heat pump heating systems in 150 homes, as well as other renewable energy projects.

"We will also be sharing and highlighting energy efficiency opportunities and ideas that both housing and commercial tenants can use to save money reduce energy waste and help the natural environment in West Lancashire.

"Preparations for the new Local Plan are at an early stage, but it is expected that addressing climate change will be central to its policies. This may include matters such as how more renewable energy developments such as wind turbines or solar panels can be enabled, how new buildings and developments can be more energy efficient and how increased usage of electric vehicles will be enabled through provision of sufficient infrastructure."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "We're always trying to make Lancashire a better place to live, work and visit and a number of recent and ongoing improvements to our services contribute towards helping the environment. These include changes to our waste processing facilities to allow residents to recycle plastic pots, tubs and trays, an ongoing project to reduce our use of single use plastics, and work to install 150 electric vehicle charging points in public areas.

"We are also working to extend and improve our network of cycle routes and continue to support a network of bus routes so that most people have access to public transport wherever they live."

University staff and football club charity partners welcome Royal guest

STAFF from Edge Hill University joined partners, football club charity Everton in the Community, to welcome the Duke of Cambridge when he visited one of its mental health campaigns.

Prince William spent the afternoon at The People's Hub in Liverpool to find out more about the Heads Up campaign and how it uses its influence to support fans and address key social issues affecting the local community.

He also visited three EitC projects which provide crucial mental health support to different sectors of society including Tackling the Blues, a sport and education-based programme delivered by Edge Hill, targeting children and young people experiencing mental health challenges.

Andy Smith, Professor of Sport and Physical Activity at the Ormskirk university, said: "We were delighted to provide His Royal Highness with an insight into Tackling the Blues and how our research-informed activities have helped to shape the delivery of mental health work in our partner schools and how this has benefited their pupils, staff and wider communities."

Prince William and Everton's England goalkeeper, Jordan Pickford chatted to schoolchildren during the royal visit.

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Extending third-rail system from Ormskirk through to Southport is most urgent improvement needed to Merseyrail network

FURTHER to recent articles and correspondence about the Burscough curves, the most urgent improvement to the Merseyrail network is to extend the third-rail system from Ormskirk round the south curve and through to Southport, which I believe would have been done over a century ago had World War One not intervened.

The reason for doing this is to give the large population served by stations in Aintree, Maghull, Aughton, Ormskirk and Burscough a direct link to Southport which some of these areas have never had, even by bus. It would also provide extra capacity for Liverpool/Southport passengers and be of particular use to those for whom Meols Cop is their most convenient station in Southport.

The problem is how - at minimum cost - to extend the Ormskirk electric service round to Southport without disadvantaging Ormskirk/Preston passengers. There is, in fact, no minimalist solution and the only sensible option at this stage is to restore the track and signalling so that electric trains from Liverpool through Ormskirk to Southport and diesel trains from Preston to Ormskirk and beyond become possible.

Obviously diesel trains from Preston could not run right into Liverpool Central but they could run as far as Aintree. A successful Aintree/Preston diesel service would strengthen the case for electrification to Preston in the more distant future.

Third-rail electrification to Preston is problematic because Preston is already fully electrified on the overhead system. The two systems are not allowed to mix and so dual-voltage or battery-equipped trains would be required.

A Southport/Preston service via a restored north curve at Burscough seems of relatively little value except for passengers to and from places beyond Preston.

Southport residents from Woodvale to Crossens are relatively well served by a half-decent bus service (the X2) which stops right outside Preston station. Ormskirk and Burscough residents, let alone those of Aughton, Maghull and Aintree, have no such service, only the train and the all-stops 2A bus.

Extensions of Merseyrail from Kirkby to Wigan, Hunts Cross to Warrington Central and Ellesmere Port to Warrington Bank Quay would seem to be of higher priority than a Southport/Preston connection, but it would be another act of stupidity to rebuild the Ormskirk-Preston line without restoring the Burscough north curve and making through trains from Southport to Preston and beyond possible, even though they may not be needed immediately.

David M. Suffolk, Southport.

PICTURE of the week

THIS photo entitled 'view from Lathom House' was submitted by reader Tony Bishop.
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If town gates are important why do half a job?

I REMEMBER reading that safety barriers were to be erected around Ormskirk to stop vehicles entering the town centre especially between set hours as they were dangerous for pedestrians.

It has been many weeks since then but why is it that it's only half a job?

There is no barrier stopping traffic from Moor Street or Moorgate.

If the barriers are so important as to waste our money, do a proper job of it or don't do it at all and use the money for something useful.

The smart thing would have been to not erect the barriers and place a warden in the town centre - or maybe even ANPR cameras to save on that cost?

Any vehicles then entering between 10am and 4pm would get a fine which would have helped with the problems of austerity our current borough council complains about.

Leon Graham, Burscough.

We want to hear all about your experiences of access - or not! - to diabetes technology

WE know that diabetes technology, like Flash glucose monitoring, continuous glucose monitoring and insulin pumps, can greatly improve people's health and quality of life.

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People with and affected by diabetes have told us they want to see better access to diabetes technology. And we agree. But now we want to hear about your experiences.

So talk to us. Our survey at smartsurvey.co.uk/s/diabetestech is now live, and is open until March 1. Whether your experiences have been positive or negative, whether you want to talk about yourself, or about someone you care for, your views will help shape our work in this vital area.

With your help, we can ensure that everyone who could benefit from diabetes technology can access it.

Clare Howarth, Diabetes UK.

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Support World Book Day and help to give more children the opportunity to sample the wonders of reading

READNG when I was a child allowed my imagination to soar and to travel to places beyond whatever situation I found myself in.

Reading is a great equaliser - it inspires us to meet our fellow humans, to understand, empathise and enter landscapes we could never dream of experiencing in one lifetime.

Reading contributes to a better quality of life, impacts on our health, spirit, educational opportunities and well being… it connects us to each other and our own humanity.

I have seen first-hand - through working with refugee children forced to travel and surviving alone, without family - what a transformational impact escaping into a book can have in helping them to keep hope alive in unimaginably unstable situations they should never have to face.

To hear a child laugh and reconnect to childhood in these harsh circumstances is life affirming.

I want every child to be able to reach for a book that brings them light.

That's why this World Book Day (Thursday, March 5) I'm supporting Book Aid International.

Their fundraising efforts mean more children and young people will have access to books.

Every day I'm inspired by the stories children have to tell and being a part of World Book Day means we can spread the enjoyment of reading even further.

Just £2 helps send another book, giving children the opportunity to read, learn and have fun.

The Book Aid International website (www.bookaid.org) has plenty of exciting fundraising ideas for schools and parents.

Whether you host a Big Booky Breaktime, have a sponsored Read-A-Thon or run your own unique fundraising event, it will have a positive effect.

Sita Brahmachari, author.

Testing and training set to start on new Merseyrail trains

State-of-the-art fleet will feature free wi-fi pioneering technology and wider seats

TESTING is about to start for the new trains set to be introduced by Merseyrail later this year.

Mechanical testing, as well as driver and staff training, will be taking place across the Merseyrail network, so passengers may spot the new trains over the next few months.

The first of the class 777 fleet of trains was unveiled recently at the redeveloped Stadler rail depot in Kirkdale. It had travelled to Merseyside from Stadler's factory in Switzerland and is the first of 52 trains to be delivered over the next year.

The first of the new trains for Merseyrail.

Merseytravel bosses say the trains have been designed specifically for the Merseyrail network, so they need to go through thorough testing to make sure they are ready for passenger service. This includes trials of their energy consumption, noise levels and testing how they work with signalling and other infrastructure.

Once testing is complete, the fleet will be gradually introduced across the network's Northern and Wirral lines. Passengers will be provided with more information on the roll-out of services later this year.

The trains will replace the current fleet, which has been running for almost 40 years. Unlike other fleets in the UK, which are leased from private companies, these will be publicly owned by the Combined Authority.

Key features of the trains include free wi-fi, more cycle storage and wider seats. They will also feature pioneering sliding step technology, which will allow unassisted access for wheelchair users and those with bikes or buggies - a first for the UK.

The new trains will also carry up to 50% more passengers and have bright, open carriages and live digital CCTV for added security.

And they will also be fitted with batteries that could allow them to travel beyond the current network to new destinations including Widnes, Skelmersdale and Warrington.

Metro Mayor for the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotheram said: "I'm delighted to welcome the first of our new trains - owned by us the public - to the Liverpool City Region - owned by us the public. These state-of-the-art-trains are the most accessible anywhere in the country and they will help make our rail network fit for the 21st century."

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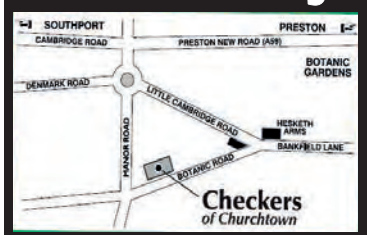

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Freeview retune could be needed after switch to new airwaves

FREEVIEW viewers are being warned they may need to retune their TVs in the coming weeks to continue watching their favourite shows.

The service's channels are moving to new airwaves to allow for the future development of new mobile broadband services.

Transmitters are being updated region by region as part of a major engineering programme between now and mid-2020. The final required changes in the region will take place in two stages on Thursday, February 20 and Wednesday, April 22.

On February 20, engineering work will take place at the Winter Hill transmitter in the early hours and Freeview channels will be subject to disruption until 10am.

After this, any viewers receiving their TV signal from there who find they are missing channels, including BBC One on button 1, can retune.

Other channels, including ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5, will move to new airwaves on April 22. Services from some local relays will also be subject to disruption until late afternoon on this date.

Satellite and cable TV are not affected.

Retuning should be straightforward and some TV equipment will retune automatically. Some older aerials may need to be replaced to continue receiving all channels. Viewers may be eligible for free in-home support, including aerial work if needed.

Anyone who needs advice, or who finds they are still missing services after retuning, can visit the Freeview website at www.freeview.co.uk/tvchanges or contact the Freeview Advice Line free on 0808 100 0288.

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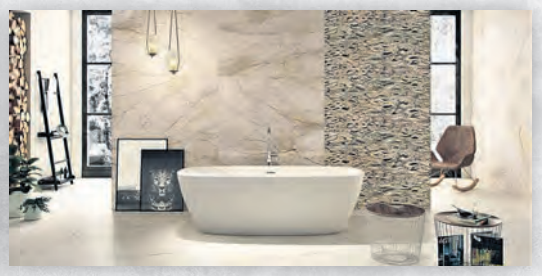

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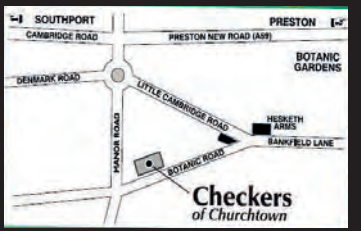

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Give me back those cold, crisp winters of yesteryear

IF there is one thing that convinces me of climate change, it's the weather.

For seemingly weeks now we have had thoroughly miserable weather - cold, damp and worst of all, windy. But it's a cold that chills to the bone, the kind that once you've become cold it seems impossible to get warm again, rather than good, old-fashioned crisp cold that can be defeated by a pair of woolly gloves and scarf and a good, snug jacket.

What really brought the change home to me though was walking to the shopping centre this morning, crossing the bridge over the Leeds-Liverpool Canal. From as early as I can remember by the time February had arrived the canal would have been thickly frozen at least once - and frozen enough to encourage the unwary, or just plain stupid, to walk on it. But for the past few years this simply has not happened and I bet it won't before spring eventually arrives.

And as for snow....well, I've rather grown out of the excitement of finding the world covered in a crisp carpet of snow, though to be honest I reckon I'd still look forward to it if only it would depart as quickly and cleanly as it arrived. When I was a boy of eight or nine how marvellous it seemed to us as we sat at our desks in school watching large, white flakes pass the window as we practised Christmas carols.

The dogs used to love it as well. I remember, not that many years ago, walking with my previous Tina in the snow-covered ground of the Parkhaven Trust. She loved the stuff, but after running around in it for quite a short while it became balled up in her paws, bringing her to a limping halt.

Tina being Tina, she stalwartly refused any kind of help. Oh no. She lay down in the snow, turned onto her back with paws in the air and bit at the balled-up white stuff which flew in all directions until she was fit to regain her feet and continue her frolic in the snow.

And back in 1963 (I think) we had a genuine white Christmas with inches (not millimetres) of snow covering the roads. It was great! Don't misunderstand me, I realise that snow can also bring misery to folk too, but I can only speak as I found.

The other proof of climate change that directly affects me is the rising sea levels. As you know, my holidays are spent afloat on the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads. There are no locks on the Broads, but there are several rather low bridges. For instance, there is a particularly difficult curved arch one taking a main road over the River Bure at Wroxham, often referred to as the capital of the Broads.

My cruiser, *Manxman* with the cockpit roof slid back and the mast and windscreen lowered, needs seven foot clearance for this bridge, and years ago it would manage this quite easily at all but high water in the summer, and squeeze its way through at half-tide or so when my late brother George and I went for a November cruise to celebrate my birthday.

George died in 2013 - and even then it had become nothing but good luck if *Manxman* could get under at extreme low water. Since then I have never been able to 'make' Wroxham bridge at that time of year.

I thought about this talking to a local councillor about the flood threat to houses about to be built locally. I can't for the life of me understand why builders want to build in some places that they do - well, they won't have to live in them - or why planners give them permission to do so - who I'd bet, have the sense not to live there either.

None of which though persuades me that all of the Draconian steps being quite suddenly advocated by the same politicians who only a few years ago were advocating more diesel trains rather than electric and then, only months ago it seems, telling us to buy hybrid cars - only now telling us that they will be banned at the same time as their 'straight' diesel and petrol counterparts.

Oh well, it never rains but it pours, does it?

Churches support charity's climate change campaign

TWO village churches are supporting an international charity which aims to tackle poverty in the world's poorest communities,

Appley Bridge All Saints CE and Vale Methodist churches will mark Christian Aid Week 2020 with an initiative focusing on the fight against climate change.

The local campaign will be launched at the All Saints Christian Aid Big Breakfast at All Saints Primary School at 9am on Saturday, February 29. Cost is £4 for adults and £2.50 for under-13s. There is no need to book, you can just turn up on the day.

Another breakfast event will be held at The Vale Methodist Church during Christian Aid Week (May 10-16). More details available nearer to the time.

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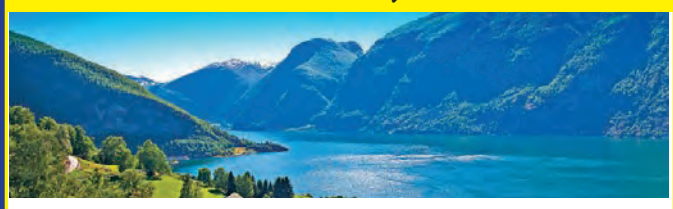

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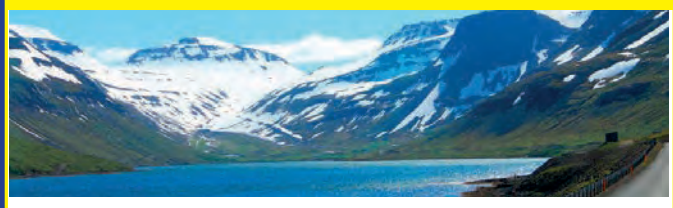

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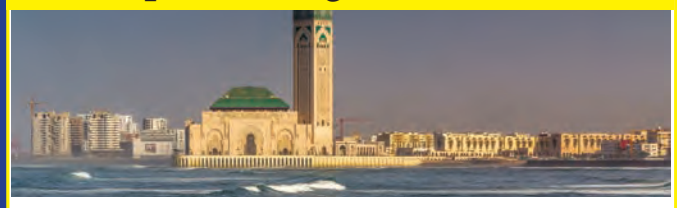

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Edge Hill Chinese New Year celebrations postponed amidst concerns over coronavirus outbreak

CHINESE New Year celebrations at Edge Hill were postponed due to the concerns surrounding the coronavirus outbreak.

The annual event was scheduled to take place at the Ormskirk campus on January 29 but the university says it felt "uncomfortable" in the midst of the ongoing health crisis and was taking precautionary measures by postponing the event to an unspecified date.

A spokesperson for the university said: "With the outbreak of coronavirus in Wuhan City, China we felt uncomfortable going ahead with our Chinese New Year celebrations when people in China and elsewhere were having to respond to the challenging circumstances presented by this outbreak.

"With the rapidly developing position we decided as a precautionary measure to rearrange the celebrations, which were due to be held on campus on Wednesday, January 29.

Priority

"The risk to Edge Hill's community is extremely low but the health and welfare of our students, staff and visitors to campus is a priority for us. Advice from Public Health England is being regularly provided to students and staff as the situation develops.

"In line with national guidance, if anyone has any queries or concerns about their own health, we would urge them to contact their GP/doctor or Public Health England."

The Chinese New year celebration at Edge Hill is a popular an annual event involving a host of activities related to Chinese culture put on for visitors and local schools.

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Revised routes plan for mobile library service

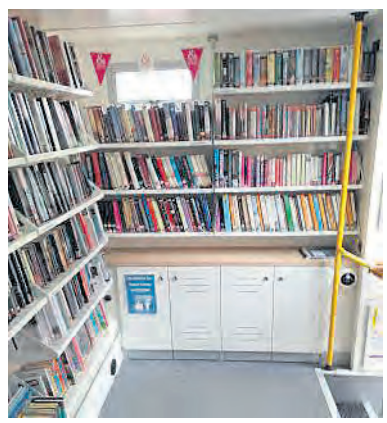
LANCASHIRE County Council's cabinet have agreed changes to the authority's mobile library service with the introduction of revised routes from June 1 and the use of 'trial routes' taking in communities without a static library and no existing mobile library stop.

The council's six mobile libraries - based at Ormskirk,Whalley, Heysham, Garstang, Brierfield, and Clayton Green - currently travel around their surrounding areas making a total of 784 stops across the county.

The changes mean that there will be a standardised three-week visit frequency, rather than every two weeks as at present; a minimum stop time of 15 minutes whenever possible; and discontinuing any stop that hasn't been used for six months.

The council says the time saved by the changes can be used to trial possible new stops.

Existing locations will continue to be visited under these criteria and parish councils who don't benefit from a visit will be asked if they want a stop organised in their locality. Any new stops will be reviewed after six months to make sure that they are being used and are in the right location.



Inside a mobile library.

At present mobile libraries do not operate when each driver is on leave, which can be up to four weeks per year. Under the new arrangement, drivers' leave will be covered as much as possible so that the routes will continue to operate.

A vehicle will remain in reserve to ensure cover is available, for example, in cases of routine maintenance.

Feedback was received during an eight-week consultation on the future of the service which ran in March and April last year.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "We've reviewed how we provide this service using the useful feedback we received during the consultation.

"We are very aware that people in local areas have detailed knowledge about what would work best for them and we've responded to this as much as we possibly can.

"We want to make sure that we get this right and trialling different stops across the county over a period of time will give us the chance to expand the mobile library service in our more rural communities."

Meanwhile, the entire fleet of mobile libraries will be replaced with the first three replacements scheduled to become operational this month and plans for the other three to come into service later in the year.

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The talk will discuss the iconic aircraft from conception to retirement. Concorde operated commercially between 1976 and 2003 and had a maximum speed of more than twice the speed of sound.

The meeting, at the Bull and Dog Inn, Liverpool Road South, starts at 7.30pm and entry is by a £2 donation. For more information call Lesley Stopforth on 07745 337 510.

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Young leaders raise funds for cancer charity

YOUNGSTERS at a West Lancs primary school enjoyed a special celebration assembly after successfully completing a leadership and character education programme.

The Year 6 pupils at Appley Bridge All Saints CE Primary School received certificates to mark their achievements in the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award.

Headteacher, Janet Dunn, said: "The children have undertaken lots of individual and group challenges. They learned about leadership skills, charities, global issues of injustice and our responsibility to serve those in need."

The programme ended with a community action project and the class decided to hold a sponsored fun for Cancer Research UK which has raised around £350 to date, with more to come. A representative of the charity is scheduled to attend the school today (Wednesday, February 12) to receive the final amount and give a talk to pupils.

The pupils with their YLA certificates.

New fitness classes aim to help over-60s stay active

NEW fitness classes designed specifically for the over-60s are being launched in West Lancashire as part of a national campaign to help people stay active and independent as they get older.

Active West Lancs has teamed up with The Move It Or Lose It ® programme, developed by the Centre for Healthy Ageing Research at the University of Birmingham, to help older adults in the borough live healthier, happier lives for longer.

The exercises are suitable for everyone whatever their ability or mobility and can be done seated, standing or with chair support. Each class incorporates exercises to improve flexibility, aerobics, balance and strength (FABS).

Margaret Wilkinson, specialist instructor for Move It Or Lose It! ®, is encouraging the over-60s community to go along to an 'exercise class with a difference."

She said: "I'm thrilled to be starting Move It Or Lose It! ® classes in West Lancashire. I want to get this age group feeling great about themselves again. We ensure a warm welcome for everyone who attends and their first session is free.

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"The classes aren't about people dressing in lycra ready to hit the gym or doing a high-intensity session. They are for people who want to improve their fitness and remain independent and active for longer.

"They are a fantastic way to socialise, make new friends, keep fit and have fun whilst doing it."

After the first free session, classes cost £5 each and will take place every Thursday, starting on February 13, between 10 and 11am at Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church, Derby Street, Ormskirk, and from 2 to 3pm at Brookside Retirement Living, Aughton Street, Ormskirk. Places are limited and booking is essential.

To book email margaret.wilkinson@moveitorloseit.co.uk. For more information go to www.moveitorloseit-withmargaret.co.uk.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "These classes sound like a lot of fun so make sure you book your place."

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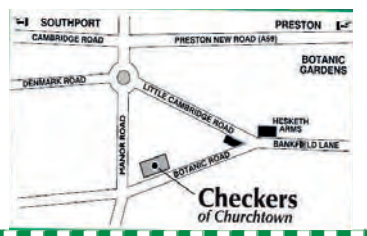

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Ramblers' plea for help to find region's 'missing' footpaths

Report by **Henry James**

WALKERS, historians and map enthusiasts in West Lancashire and Sefton are being called on by walking charity, The Ramblers, to find any 'missing rights of way' across the boroughs.

An estimated 10,000 miles of historic footpaths - the equivalent of the distance from London to Sydney - are thought to be missing from the map in England and Wales.

These historic paths, say The Ramblers (formerly The Ramblers' Association) are seen as a vital part of our heritage, describing how people have travelled over the centuries, yet if they are not claimed by 2026, we risk losing them forever.

Charity says time is running out on chance to save "a vital part of our heritage"

The mass 'citizen geography project' being launched by The Ramblers is called 'Don't Lose Your Way'.

There are just six years until the Government cut-off date, when it will no longer be possible to add paths to the definitive map based on historic evidence, meaning the right to access them will not be protected for the future.

The Ramblers say the project will give them a true picture of the number of paths missing from the map, enabling them to prioritise those which should be researched and applied for ahead of the deadline. 'Don't Lose Your Way' programme manager, Jack Cornish, said: "Our paths are one of our most precious assets. They connect us to our landscapes, ensuring we can explore our towns and cities on foot and enjoy walking in the countryside, and to our history and the people who formed them over the centuries.

"If we lose our paths, a little bit of our past goes with them. This is our only opportunity to save thousands of miles of rights of way and time is running out."

While some of the missing paths are still in use, others have become overgrown and unusable, but what they all have in common is that they did not make it onto the official definitive maps that councils were required to draw up in the 1950s.

Many of these lost rights of way could make useful additions to the existing network, creating new circular walking routes or connecting people more easily to local green spaces, nature and the countryside.

The new Ramblers 'Don't Lose Your Way' online mapping site divides the map into 150,000 one-kilometre squares and makes it easy to compare historic and current maps side-by-side.

Users simply select a square, do a quick 'spot the difference', mark on any missing paths and click submit. It takes just a few minutes to check a square.

Finding and mapping the paths is only the first step. Once all the lost rights of way are mapped, The Ramblers will be recruiting people to join a team of dedicated volunteers, researching historic evidence and submitting applications to local authorities ahead of the 2026 deadline, to get them restored to the map.

The Ramblers are also calling on the Government to extend the deadline for registering historic paths by at least five years.

● *To get started with a search for lost rights of way, visit www.ramblers.org.uk/dontloseyourway and register on the mapping site.*

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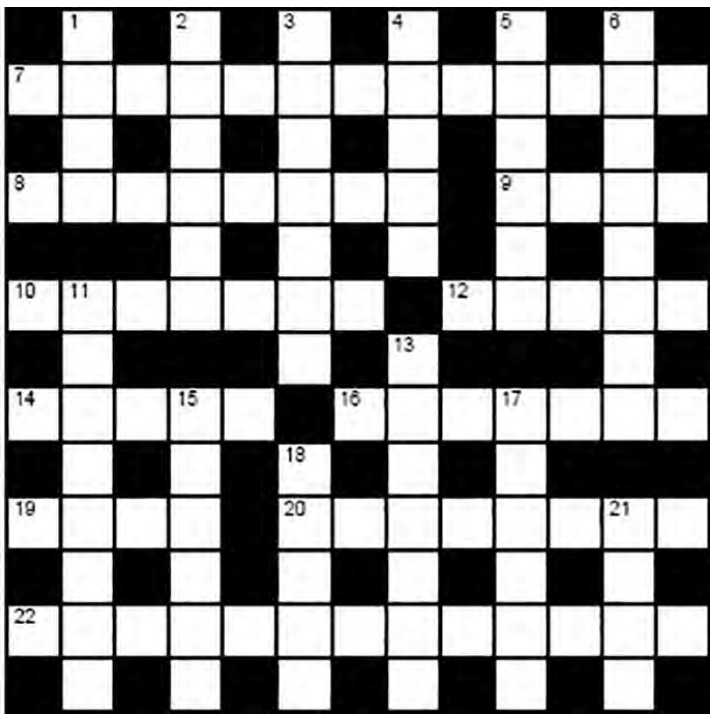

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ACROSS

7. Central European country, capital Prague (5, 8)
8. A preliminary test of how a new system or product works (5,3)
9. GCSE or A Level for instance (4)
10. Give a spoken or written account of (7)
12. Person who shows guests to their seats at a wedding (5)
14. Official order or proclamation (5)
16. Feeling a need to drink (7)
19. The throwing line in darts (4)
20. A substance used for grinding, polishing, or cleaning a hard surface (8)
22. With a blank or serious facial expression (8-5)

DOWN

1. Former Russian emperor (4)
2. Thin individual cake of choux pastry filled with cream and topped with chocolate icing (6)
3. Latin term meaning in proportion (3, 4)
4. To strike on the buttocks with the open hand (5)
5. Woman in charge of a convent (6)
6. A conducting wire or thread forming part of an electric bulb (8)
11. Renounce a throne (8)
13. An organisation set up to support/raise money for a good cause (7)
15. Having the same age or date of origin (6)
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More opportunities to play a role in 'second Golden Age' of canals!

THE charity that looks after the country's inland waterways, including the Leeds-Liverpool Canal, is expanding the number and range of volunteering roles if offers to meet the growing demand from people wanting to help.

Volunteer lock keeping is one of the many roles available for enthusiasts with The Canal & River Trust.

These will include everything from lock keeper to teaching children about water safety and from inspiring youngsters to take up fishing to supporting a wide range of professional teams.

Trust chief executive, Richard Parry, said: "As we enter a new year, and a new decade we are delighted that so many people want to support the Canal & River Trust and make a difference to their local community.

"On the waterways, community spirit is very much alive and well, with our canals and river navigations at the heart of such a diverse variety of villages, towns and cities across the North West And, with so many ways to get involved, 2020 can be a year when more people take positive action for their local canal, for their community, and - because we know that volunteering and spending time outdoors, by water, is good for wellbeing - for themselves."

In 2019 Canal & River Trust saw record numbers of people volunteer their time to the waterways, with a 27% increase in the number of volunteer lock keepers across the network, to 1,130.

Richard added: "With more boats on the nation's canals than at the height of the Industrial Revolution, and research showing that spending time by water helps people feel happier and healthier, it's a great time to discover the local waterways."

In 2020 Canal & River Trust is building on the popularity of waterways volunteering by creating a wider range of volunteer roles. Opportunities include volunteer lock keepers and towpath rangers; education volunteers (working in schools etc.) and 'towpath taskforce' (flexible opportunities for volunteers to help out in various roles whenever they're free).

Richard concluded: "Our passionate volunteers have helped our charity to achieve so much and with the waterways busier than ever before we are enjoying a second Golden Canal Age,"

Key qualities sought in a volunteer are enthusiasm, a friendly manner, a hands-on approach and a willingness to learn. Training will take place in spring and volunteers will be in post from April to October. Volunteer lock keepers are most often required at peak times during summer from Fridays to Mondays, but days and times will vary.

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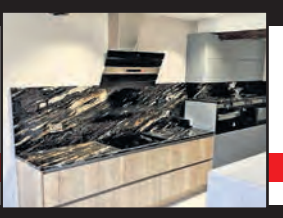

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Pensioner in appeal to form local branch of Extinction Rebellion!

88-year-old's call for action shows it's not just the young who fear for the future of the planet

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A WEST Lancs pensioner is urging like-minded residents to join the fight to 'save the planet' by forming a local branch of the controversial global environmental movement, Extinction Rebellion.

The group, also known as XR, has the stated aim of using non-violent civil disobedience to compel government action to avoid tipping points in the climate system, biodiversity loss and the risk of social and ecological collapse.

And retired lecturer Maurice George is keen to set up an XR group in the borough to affect change locally.

The 88-year-old from Ormskirk, who taught English to refugees, immigrants and foreign students at Liverpool Community College, says: "The message of Extinction Rebellion is very blunt and revolutionary. If we continue our present lifestyle (and by 'we' I mean every inhabitant of the world) it will lead to catastrophe. Not exactly comforting. But telling the truth is going to be painful.

"It's really quite simple: stop behaving as if there is no limit to our consumption of the Earth's resources can continue for ever. Water, fuel, electricity, food and all the other things we take for granted will run out.

Maurice George says there is no more important issue than climate change.

"Of course this won't happen next week or next year or even the next century. But if we change nothing now, future generations will curse us for our greed and ignorance.

"A burning hot earth, starvation, mass migration away from uninhabitable areas and pollution of the air and oceans: what a legacy to leave to our descendants.

"The example of Australia is a stark warning - an entire continent is on fire; the air is poisonous; smoke is filling the sky; thousands of people taking refuge from the inferno, All this is happening because the Australian government paid no attention to the reality of climate change.

Global crisis

"If only we can change our wasteful habits today, we can reverse the process. You might say that nothing you do as an individual will make any difference: but if millions of people act together, it's not too late.

"So no more holidays in America, no more enormous cars, no more waste, no more destruction of the natural world. If you want a comfortable message, stop reading now.

"That's why we must act locally and so I hope that we can set up an XR group here. Please everyone, join us and do something. There's no more important issue. It's a global crisis."

Maurice says anyone interested can contact him by email at mauricegeorge71@gmail.com.

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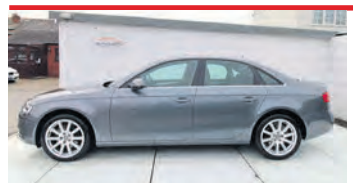

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Sustainability has been a huge topic in the news recently. With the realities of climate change and becoming more eco-friendly being a part of our everyday lives, more and more couples are making concerted efforts to lessen the impact their wedding celebrations have on the planet. Central to this is drastically reducing the amount of plastic used in your wedding and also your carbon footprint – and there's lots of ways you can achieve this.

From the travel required to gather everyone together in one place, to the food waste, plastic packaging and mountains of throwaway décor, weddings don't tend to be particularly eco-friendly events. So whether you and your partner plan on opting for a completely sustainable wedding or are simply looking to adopt a few ideas to help make your big day that bit more sustainable, there are plenty of relatively inexpensive ways in which to reduce the environmental and ethical impact of your wedding.

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Choosing the right wedding dress

Choosing a wedding dress is not a decision that should be taken lightly. After all, you've probably been dreaming of the perfect gown for your big day since you were a child. You might try on 25 dresses, and you might hate them all. You might then go back to the shop the following week and pick one out that you've already tried on. Or maybe you choose the first wedding dress you see. Anything is possible when you're shopping for the dress!

Shopping for your wedding gown can feel a little overwhelming. It can be as daunting as it is exciting. This will likely be the first and only time you'll be doing this, and lets face it, it's not quite the same as picking out an outfit for work. You've probably never tried on a wedding dress before, or had a room full of people comment on everything you try on. It can be a long process and one that isn't always easy. So to help you avoid any bridal boutique faux pas or dress search frustrations, and to hopefully help make the process as fun and easy as possible, we've put together this quick guide to bridal shopping.

1. KNOW YOUR BUDGET

The average bride spends £1,313 on her wedding dress. Of course, you can pick one up for a lot less than that. If you're on the hunt for a wedding dress on a budget, the high street is a great place to start. You can pick a dress up for as little as £50 and you can find some really beautiful gowns that look endlessly more expensive than they actually are.

If you're on the lookout for something a little more high end, look towards couture bridal designers. They're often stocked in specialist bridal boutiques and can range from £2000 - £10,000 plus.

Whatever your budget, knowing the limits of what you can spend is crucial. Of course, many dresses that are drastically out of your budget are going to look fantastic so it's best not to fall in love with something you can't afford.

It's also important to agree an amount with your other half and stick to it. Also, remember to budget for alterations, shoes, lingerie and accessories.

2. KNOW WHAT TYPE OF SILHOUETTE YOU WANT

It's a good idea to do some research online or go through a few bridal magazines ahead of your wedding dress shopping appointment.
The most common bridal gown silhouettes you're going to see will be:

BALLGOWN This style would what many describe as the classic "princess" dress. They have a fitted bodice and a full skirt.

A-LINE A-line gowns are probably the most popular silhouette. They have a fitted waist and have an "A" shaped skirt that flairs out at the waistline.

TRUMPET Trumpet gowns are fitted from the neckline to the hips, and then flare out at the bottom.

MERMAID Mermaid gowns are similar to trumpet gowns in that they are fitted, but they don't flare out until about mid-calf.

SHEATH Sheath gowns have a straight shape from the neckline to the hem.

Tea Length Tea-length dresses were popular in the mid-century and are now a fun, vintage silhouette for more casual, garden weddings. Most tea-length dresses are in an A-line shape but the hem ends in the middle of the calf or at the top of the ankle.

3. YOU HAVE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE IN YOUR WEDDING GOWN

Every bride wants to look her best on her big day, but you should also be comfortable. It will be a long day, you're going to running non stop all day between relatives, making sure things are running smoothly and dancing your little heart out. Pick a dress that's beautiful and that moves with you.

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Choosing and Buying your Wedding Rings

It is customary around the world for married couples to wear wedding rings, as a symbol of their love for one another. Choosing your wedding ring is something that requires a lot of thought as you'll want to wear this for the rest of your life. So whether you want a traditional band or something a little more unique, make sure you consider everything so you can find the perfect style for you.

BUDGET

When setting your overall wedding budget, be sure to include wedding rings. After all, you'll be wearing these forever, and it would be nice to spend a little bit more than you would on your regular jewellery.

SHOP AS A COUPLE

During your wedding planning some decisions may not be done as a couple, but choosing your wedding rings definitely should be. Dedicate a weekend or two to shopping for your wedding rings and try and visit more than one jeweller so that you see the different styles available before making a final decision.

CONSIDER SHAPE AND SIZE

Wedding rings come in a variety of different shapes and sizes. For the groom, different metals and styles may be a factor, and for the bride careful consideration needs to be taken, especially if you have an engagement ring that is an unusual style. Bespoke jewellers will be able to help, guide and advise on which metals and styles are the most suitable when it comes to your wedding rings. You could also consider visiting a bespoke wedding ring jeweller if you plan on melting a vintage wedding ring or turning a family heirloom into something special for your own wedding.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT METAL

Years ago wedding rings were mainly purchased in a classic gold style. Nowadays they can be designed in a number of different materials. For the bride it's common to choose a metal that matches her engagement ring, whilst for the groom, something stylish and sturdy is generally a good option. Choices available for wedding rings include gold, white gold, rose gold, silver, platinum, palladium, titanium and zirconium to name a few. Prices will vary depending on the style and weight of the metal you choose so consider this when discussing your initial budget.

Quirky touches

For the newly weds who love to be different, why not consider adding some special personal touches to your wedding that reflect your fun loving tastes. These quirky additions are probably the moments that will be remembered by your guests when looking back on your big day. Providing breathtaking surprises, exciting food and drinks or special photo opportunities can really bring your wedding guests together and provide a talking point for a long time to come.

Some animal loving couples may include their pets on the day, dressed up in best bib and tucker.

Or perhaps showing your creative side, home made decorations for your venue may be something to consider. Although this can be somewhat time consuming, it can also be fun and the end effect can be beautiful.

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Unexpected wedding music is sure to leaving a lasting impression on your guests. Sure, a string quartet is nice, but you'll blow your guests away with a jazz trio or a Spanish guitar player. To really get the party going, look into hiring a mariachi band, a bluegrass group, or even a barbershop quartet for some seriously memorable melodies.

It's always a good idea to remember your little guests too. It can be a long day full of excitement for them and special miniature drinks or treats can go a long way in keeping them happy and occupied. Treats such as miniature non-alcoholic cocktails or personalised cookies are always well received.

For the Bride and Groom, your day can pass by in a flash. Therefore, introducing a photo booth or a prop station is also a great option. Your guests will have great fun posing for photos throughout the day and you will happily be able to look back on these after the event.

Whatever quirky touches you decide to go for, in the end it will be a full reflection of both of you and the things you love, so it's always a great way of adding the finishing touches to your special day.

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Peter Andre to star in Grease at Empire

FOLLOWING his success starring in the UK and Ireland tour in 2019, Peter Andre will star in the 2020 UK tour of the first new production in 25 years of Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's iconic musical Grease, at certain performances.

As well as reprising the role of Teen Angel, Andre will also play Vince Fontaine and the Sergeant, joining the previously announced Dan Partridge as Danny Zuko.

Peter Andre is currently scheduled to perform at the Liverpool Empire on June 30 and July 1.

Peter Andre is known for his successful music and television career and became the sixth highest selling artist in the UK in the 1990s with number one hits such as Mysterious Girl, Flava and I Feel You.

He has had two number one albums and has toured all over the world, collecting a multitude of national and international awards.

Peter's many TV shows and appearances, include his reality show Peter Andre: My Life, 60 Minute Makeover and the third series of I'm a Celebrity… Get Me Out of Here in 2004.

Peter Andre said: "I'm absolutely thrilled to be returning to the UK tour of Grease and to the iconic role of Teen Angel this year.

"I had the most wonderful time last year working with our genius director Nikolai Foster and the incredible Arlene Phillips, helping create a new, slick, sexy version of this timeless musical with the most talented cast.

"I'm delighted to be given the opportunity to also perform two additional roles this time round: Vince Fontaine and the Sergeant. I truly cannot wait for more of the UK to see this new production and look forward to making more amazing memories on and off stage in 2020!"

Grease originally opened in Chicago in 1971, followed by a move to Broadway in 1972, where it received seven Tony Award nominations, including one for Best Musical.

Peter Andre as Teen Angel in Grease. Picture by Hugo Glendinning

During the show's eight-year run, at the time, little known actors including Peter Gallagher, Patrick Swayze and John Travolta all appeared in the production, with Richard Gere understudying many roles before going on to star as Danny Zuko in the 1973 London premiere.

The 1978 film adaptation starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John is the fourth highest-grossing live action musical of all time and celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2018. The musical features beloved songs, including Summer Nights, Greased Lightnin', Hopelessly Devoted To You and You're The One That I Want.

Grease is directed by Nikolai Foster and choreographed by Arlene Phillips, with designs by Colin Richmond, orchestrations and musical supervision by Sarah Travis, lighting design by Ben Cracknell, sound design by Tom Marshall and 2020 tour casting by Kay Magson CDG with original tour casting by David Grindrod CDG.

This new production of Grease is produced by Colin Ingram, InTheatre Productions, Donovan Mannato, Playing Field, Hunter Arnold, Araca and Curve.

Phil Hunter as Joe Gillis and Marianne Welsh as Norma Desmond in Sunset Boulevard

Spotlights 'put on terrific presentation' of musical

Review by **Henry James**

SOUTHPORT Spotlights Musical Theatre Society put on a terrific presentation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Sunset Boulevard last week.

This production was expertly directed by Stephen Hughes-Alty and was staged at The Little Theatre.

Phil Hunter played Joe Gillis, the unsuccessful screenwriter, who ends up at the home of silent film star Norma Desmond (Marianne Welsh) while being chased by car repossession agents.

Phil was in almost every scene throughout the show and was perfectly cast in the role. He had mastered some very wordy songs.

Marianne's portrayal of Norma Desmond was how it should be - very theatrical and over the top.

The shows most famous songs, which are New Ways to Dream and The Perfect Year, are sung between Joe and Norma at the end of the first half. The music for these numbers, and the rest of the score, was played well by the extensive orchestra, which was led by Adam Dutch and Chris Rimmer.

The music moves quickly along with the action, from up tempo numbers, to more thoughtful songs. Although the score is good, it perhaps is not as memorable as some of Lloyd Webber's more popular shows, such as The Phantom of the Opera and Jesus Christ Superstar.

Tom Hornby was also well cast as Max Von Mayerling, who acts as Norma's butler. The actors in the other roles were equally impressive and they included: Charlie McMullan as Artie Green; Patricia Hodgson as Betty Schaefer; Alex McKillop as Sheldrake, Brendan Gillow as Cecil B. DeMille; and John Delahunty as Myron.

The show had an extensive ensemble, choreographed by Jackie Morris, and those in it provided a good accompaniment to the unfolding action.

There were many different backdrops from Norma's palatial home with a spiralling staircase, to the studios at Paramount Pictures. Some scenes had been filmed before the theatre run and were projected onto a screen on the night.

The members of the Spotlights were on top form in this production. 9/10.

'Great performances' by cast in famous play

A scene from An Inspector Calls

An Inspector Calls
The Playhouse, Liverpool.

THIS play got off to a spectacular start with the curtain opening and lots of real water pouring down as rain onto the fictional northern town of Brumley in 1912 **writes Peter Rimmer.**

The play takes place in Edwardian England and the set design made a big impact with a red telephone booth and the stage itself looking like a giant doll's house in which much of the action took place.

The music by Stephen Warbreck created a tense atmosphere as the inspector played by Liam Brennan walked through the audience to arrive on stage.

Sad to say after only about quarter of an hour the fire alarms went off and the audience were asked to move outside, before being let back inside.

This well-known play has had thousands of performances since being written by JB Priestley in 1945. Directed by Stephen Daldry, this is the latest and most striking reinterpretation of the piece.

It tells the story of an inspector calling and challenging each of the lives of the Birling and Croft families.

The Birling family are celebrating, the engagement of daughter Sheila (Chloe Orrock) to Gerald Croft (Alasdair Buchan) and Inspector Goole (Liam Brennan) accuses the family of being involved in the suicide of a destitute young woman, who was an ex- worker at their factory.

This family are ripped apart by the accusations of the inspector.

The play is full of twists and turns, and there is an unexpected ending to the tale.

It would be unfair to reveal the full storyline of this unusual play.

There were some great performances by the cast, including children Nathaniel Cagliarini, Ella-Grace Hanson and Daniel Dean, who bring a new twist to an old story.

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Lost in Colomendy is a 'well-staged comedy'

Review by **Peter Rimmer**

Royal Court Liverpool
Lost in Colomendy

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Built as a wartime evacuation facility it retains the 1939 built wooden huts.

A play with any kind of camping or outdoor pursuits as its storyline has got to be comedy magic and Lost in Colomendy, which is by Nicky Allt doesn't disappoint. This is a new show written in Liverpool for Liverpool people.

The first scene is set in a very good re-creation of the B&Q store in Speke where work shy employees Brian, Big Harry and Stan spend their days skiving and messing about until new manager Helen, played by Jane Hogarth breezes in and lets them know if they don't pull their socks up, they will be out of a job.

Helen's big idea is to have a team building couple of days in Colomendy and that's when the fun really starts.

A scene from Lost In Colomendy

With a brilliant revolving stage, we are taken into the interior of the wooden hut dormitory on the camp, and much fun is had telling ghost stories, reliving old memories and worrying about the next day's outing up the infamous Moel Famau.

The stage revolves again and here we are on the hill. The slapstick fun really starts with everybody getting lost, going mad and carrying too much or too little equipment. Stan played by Liam Tobin brings everything while Barry (Alan Stocks) brings only a carrier bag and trainers.

Anyone who has been on this type of trip, either with the school, scouts, guides, or as a team building work exercise will love this play.

The play of course is all about friendship and with these middle aged men at its heart it also touches on divorce, mental health and rivalry to great effect.

Also in the cast are Paul Duckworth (Brian) and John Evans (Big H) who brings plenty of good one liners into a very funny Paul Goetzee directed and well-staged comedy.

Lost in Colomendy runs until Feb 29.

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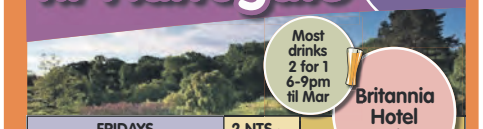
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CURTAINS teal/brown with tie backs sating finish 72" drop 66" wide fully lined in excellent condition bargain £10 01704220356

MINI OVEN small mini oven with 2 hotplates,ideal for a bedsit or flat.good condition£15 07582835763

HIFI UNIT Ducal solid pine unit , partial glass door, cd drawers inside. Very good condition, £95 ono 01704 576177

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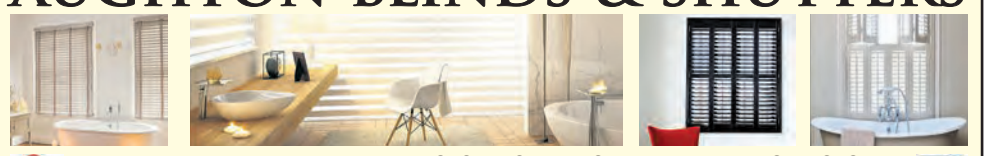

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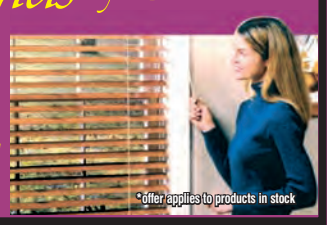

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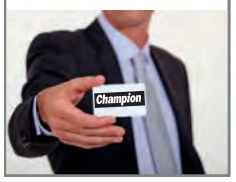

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Thank you for the cards and donations to the British Heart Foundation.
Special thanks to the paramedics, Sandra for the wonderful service, Jayne for the beautiful flowers and Anabel from MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FORSHAW ELIZABETH (BETTY)

The Family of the late Betty Forshaw would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours, for the messages of condolence, and donations for The Stroke Association and Diabetes UK received during their recent sad loss (Any outstanding donations can still be given to MLS Funeral Directors). The attendance of so many was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to hospital staff at both Southport and Walton for their care and compassion given to Betty, and also to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their outstanding support and professionalism.

NELSON JOHN RUSSELL

John's Wife and family would like to thank colleagues, friends and neighbours for their attendance at the funeral, and for their messages of sympathy, support and donations to St Luke's Church and RNLI.
Thanks also, to the Rev Roy Baker and Mrs Anne Dixon for the service at St Luke's Church, Formby, and to Coyne Brothers for their dignified funeral arrangements

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Lil and all the family would like to thank everyone who attended Roy's Funeral on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at St George's Church Maghull and afterwards at West Lancashire Crematorium.

Our grateful thanks to all our relatives and friends for their kind expression of sympathy, support; hugs and love shown to us all and oh so many wonderful Mass and Sympathy Cards received.

Especially, we would like to thank Canon Joseph Kelly, our support for so many years, Rev. Gerard Cobham for the very special Mass and the wonderful support he has given to us too.

To Monsignor Peter Fleetwood and Rev. Stephen Cooper from the Chaplaincy at Aintree Hospital; who again helped us all at a very sad time; Graham and Andrew at Cleggs, for their upmost professionalism and attention to detail.

The presence of so many friends at the Requiem Mass was greatly appreciated and please know that if you were there or remembered us on the day it meant a lot to us. So thank you all so very much.

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CULSHAW COLIN

15th February

Remembering a very special person on what would have been your 80th Birthday.
A milestone we didn't get to celebrate together.
Never forgotten, always in our hearts,
Barbara, Edward,
Liz and Oliver
xxxx

DEATHS

SLOBIN JOHN ROBERT

To my much loved Dad who passed suddenly at home on the
1st February 2020
Aged 75 years

You will be sadly missed but never forgotten.
Love,
Daughter Yvonne,
Son in law Andrew,
Granddaughters Katie, Danielle, Stephanie and Kimberley.
Rest in Peace
xxxx

LEWIS JAMES WILLIAM

23rd January 2020

Loving Father of James.
Dear Father in law of Sue (whom he loved dearly), cherished Grandad of Lee and Wife Bexy, Great Grandad of Ava-May and will be sadly missed by Oscar.
Until we meet again Dad,
You will always be remembered,
We love you
xxxxxx

TWIST STANLEY

31st January 2020
Aged 100 Years

Died Peacefully.
Husband of the late Sarah.
Father to David and Barrie.
The Twist family would like to thank all the staff at Connell Court Care Home for all their care, love and support towards Stanley during his stay, he was always happy and content.
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DEATHS

JOHNSON DAVID MICHAEL

(Formerly of Manor Road, Southport)
16th January 2020
Aged 77 Years

David will be greatly missed by all at Galtee More Rest Home.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 17th February at 10:00am.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors,
1-5 Roe Lane,
Southport,
PR9 9DR,
Telephone:
01704 500086.

JACK VERONICA

Passed away on the 15th January 2020
Aged 87 years

Veronica will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.
Funeral service will take place at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 14th February at 2pm.
Family flowers only by request however donations will be gratefully received for The Woodlands Trust.
All enquiries to
Claire Newland
Independent Funeral Directors,
10 New Cut Lane,
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SIMPKIN DAVID

Passed away suddenly on the 17th January
Aged 60 years

Dearly loved Son of the late Jimmy and Nellie. Beloved Brother to Gordon, Graham, Terry, Glenys and Carl. Loving Brother-in-Law and Uncle.
David will be sadly missed by all.
Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Monday 17th February at 3pm.
All enquiries to
W Banks of Orrell
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01695 768949

DEATHS

MCLOUGHLIN IVY

Passed away peacefully
31st January 2020
aged 83 years

Much loved Mum and Nanny.
Loved and missed by all family and friends.
Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 14th February 2020 at 11:00am.
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For further enquiries contact Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors,
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4th February 2020
aged 59 years

Beloved Partner of Ronnie.
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Funeral service at Green Acres Woodland Burial, Rainford on Friday 14th February at 12noon.
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Donations to Queenscourt Hospice, Southport.
Enquiries to
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DEATHS

CUMMINS COLIN

4th February 2020
Aged 86 years

Passed peacefully after a short illness.
Beloved husband of Joyce. Devoted father to Jeff, Gary and Phil. Devoted father in law to Bev, Jayne and Kirsty and loving Grandad and Great Grandad.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 24th February at 10:40am.
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Enquires to Howard's Funeral Directors,
1-5 Roe Lane,
Southport, PR9 9DR.
Telephone:
01704 500086.

CAIN EDWARD JOSEPH (EDDIE)

Passed away suddenly but peacefully at home
aged 80 years
of Burscough

Husband of Carol.
Father of Paul, Michelle and Lee, Grandad of Bethany (deceased), Scarlett, Isabel, Harry and Bertie.
For Funeral arrangements please contact Sally Hunter
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DEATHS

TAVERNER WALTER

Peacefully on
6th February 2020
aged 91 years

Walter will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 21st February 2020 at 1.20pm.
Family flowers only please, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for The Alzheimer's Society.
Further enquiries please to
Moisters Funeralcare,
25a Sefton Street,
Southport,
PR8 6SG
Tel; 01704 501501

WHARTON, EDDIE

Peacefully in hospital
4th February 2020
Aged 83 years

Husband of Kay,
Dad of Vivienne, Kevin and Stephen.
Grandad of Katrina, Callum, Zoe, Jenny and Amber.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 21st February at 2pm.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice Southport.
Further enquires to Porters Funeralcare,
111a Bispham Road,
Southport PR9 7BJ.
Tel: 01704 212714

DEATHS

SPINKS ELSIE

(nee Osborne)

Died peacefully at home
1st February 2020
aged 82 years

Loving Wife of David and Mum to Philip and Claire.
She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Rest in peace Elsie.
Service at West Lancs Crematorium Pippin Street, Burscough, Ormskirk, L40 7SP at 3pm Thursday 13th February 2020.
Family flowers only please. Donations to Alzheimer's Society if required.
Donations and further enquiries please to Anabel Hunter
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HOLLAND IRENE

3rd February 2020
Passed away peacefully at home
aged 73 years

Loving Wife of Tony.
Much loved Mum of Matthew, Louise and Ben. Dearly loved Grandma of Harry, Libby, Joni and Arlo.
Requiem Mass at St. Annes Roman Catholic Church, Ormskirk on Friday 21st February at 12noon, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium.
Family flowers Only please, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter
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LLOYD STEPHEN JAMES

29th January 2020
Peacefully in hospital
aged 73 years

Loving Husband of the late Janet. Devoted Dad of Paul, Diane and Barbara. Dear Father-in-law of Andrew. Cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 19th February at 11am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for I.T.U Ward at Southport Hospital. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Services 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

HARRISON RENA JOAN

1st February 2020
After a long illness peacefully in Elm House Nursing Home
aged 62 years

Dearly loved wife of Bill. Rena will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 12.40pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Grace Baptist Mission work in Peru and Zambia. Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel 01704 532106

DEATHS

BLUNDELL BARBARA

5th February 2020
Peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice
Aged 79 years

Much loved wife of Arthur. Loving mum of Sharon and Helen. Dear sister of Brian and Billy also the late Bernard, Titch and Brenda. Barbara will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel 01704 532106

STONEHOUSE ALAN

Peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice after a long illness on 6th February 2020, aged 87 years.

Much loved Husband of Cynthia. Much loved Dad of Geoff and Ruth. Loving Grandpa of Niamh. Alan will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

DEATHS

BURKE THOMAS (TOMMY)

January 29th 2020
Aged 75 years

Dearly loved Husband of Lee. Devoted Dad of Lindsey and Shirley. Best Grandad of Jack, Abi, Thomas and Erin.

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

No words to say, I said it all. Brokenhearted Wife Lee. I will miss you forever xx

To a Dad in a million. The hole you have left in our lives can never be filled, you were the best Dad we could have wished for and much more. We will cherish our memories forever. Sleep peacefully our lovely Dad. Brokenhearted Daughters Lindsey and Shirley xx

Sweet dreams Grandad. You were the best. Miss you everyday. Hugs Jack, Abi, Thomas and Erin xxxx

R.I.P. 'Tommy' We will miss you. You were so much more than a Father-in-law. Love Kevin and Paul xx

Funeral service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday February 14th 2020 at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for Royal Free Charity, London. Fund 24, Amyloidosis Section. All further enquiries c/o Graham Clegg Funeral Services, 7 Dover Road, Maghull. L31 5JB Tel 0151 520 3330.

To place a family **announcement** please call 01704 392392 or visit champnews.com

DEATHS

HALSALL GEOFF

5th February 2020
Peacefully at Elm House Nursing Home aged 83

Dear Brother of John, Alan and the Late Ronnie. Will be sadly missed by all his family. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 17th February at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries please to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport PR9 7BJ . Tel (01704) 212714

EDWARDS LENA

23rd January 2020
Peacefully at home
aged 77 years

Much loved Mum, Nana, Sister, Auntie and a friend to many. Will be sadly missed by all. Requiem Mass will be held at St. Mary Queen of Apostles Church on Friday 21st February at 10.30am. Followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for The Robert Owen House. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

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DEATHS

TWEEDALE AUDREY

6th February 2020
Passed away peacefully at home
aged 84 years
of Ormskirk

Much loved Mum of George. Loving Nan of Alan, Elaine & Leanne, and a loving Great-Nan.

Family flowers only please, donations if so desired for the Dogs Trust.

For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries, please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

BROWN ANGELA MARIE

(nee Foster)

Died after a short illness
6th February 2020
aged 87 years

Much loved by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and burial at St Anne's RC Church Ormskirk on Monday 24th February at 11am. Donations if so desired to: https://youngminds.org.uk/donate Further enquiries to Louis Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

BAMBER THOMAS 'TUCKER'

2nd February 2020
Peacefully
Aged 86 Years

Much loved Husband of Maureen, Loving Dad of John and Tommy. Loving Granddad to all his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Tucker will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 14th February 2020 at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Parkinson's UK. Further enquiries please to Co-operative Funeralcare, 254 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 4PD Tel: 01704 550011

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DEATHS

HARTLEY TERESA (NEE COFFEY)

4th February 2020
Aged 89 Years
R-I-P

Passed away peacefully at home. Beloved Wife of the late Walter. Loving Mum of Tony, Jeanette, Hannah and the late Raymond. Special Nan to all of her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Teresa will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass at St Marie's Catholic Parish Church on Thursday 20th February at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice and St Paul's Eye Hospital. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

IN MEMORIAM

ZAC TAYLOR

11th February 2016

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(Our Sunshine)
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, HEREBY makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (C116 Small Lane, Aughton, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

i. To amend Article 3 as follows:

The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 until 2359 hours on Friday 20th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Friday 31st January 2020 and may be cited as "The Lancashire County Council (C116 Small Lane, Aughton, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2020"

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21881/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(JACKSONS LANE, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, HEREBY makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (Jacksons Lane, Wrightington, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

i. To amend Article 3 as follows:

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1700 hours only from Monday 24th February 2020 until Friday 6th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Tuesday 28th January 2020 and may be cited as "The Lancashire County Council (Jacksons Lane, Wrightington, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2020"

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21953/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CRABTREE LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Crabtree Lane, Burscough from Orrell Lane, Burscough for a distance of 315m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Sunday 9th February 2020 until 1700 hours on Thursday 20th February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. A diversion will be signed locally.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow emergency repair works to the canal bridge to be carried out by Amberon on behalf of the Canal and Rivers Trust.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22422/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C116 SMALL LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C116 Small Lane, Aughton from C116 Fir Tree Lane, Aughton to U957 Booths Lane, Aughton.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 17th February 2020 until 2359 hours on Friday 21st February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C116 Fir Tree Lane, Aughton – U957 Booths Lane, Aughton and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the removal of existing water connection and redundant ironworks to be carried out by Balfour Beatty on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21881/EW]

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JOHN HILL CORK
(Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 10 Halsall Court Ormskirk Lancashire L39 3PU, who died on 19/11/2019, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 24/04/2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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(Premises & Club Premises Certificates Regulations 2003)

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The application may be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can be also obtained from the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing

Any 'interested Party' may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before the 08/03/2020 It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and on summary conviction anyone doing so is liable to a fine of £5,000.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C166 MILL LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE,
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from U3069 Herons Wharf, Appley Bridge for a distance of 25m in an Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours until 1630 hours on Monday 24th February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – C162 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – B5375 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge – Over the boundary into Wigan – B5375 Miles Lane – C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – Over the boundary into West Lancashire – C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of chevrons on the bridge to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21430/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C116 CLIEVES HILLS LANE, AUGHTON,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C116 Clieves Hills Lane, Aughton from U50918 Firs Lane, Aughton to C116 Fir Tree Lane, Aughton.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 17th February 2020 until 2359 hours on Friday 21st February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C116 Clieves Hills Lane, Aughton – B5195 Birches Brow, Aughton – B5195 Formby Lane, Aughton – C116 Fir Tree Lane, Aughton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the removal of existing water connection and redundant ironworks to be carried out by Balfour Beatty on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21884/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(JACKSONS LANE, WRIGHTINGTON,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Jacksons Lane, Wrightington from Bentley Lane, Wrightington to Bannister Lane, Wrightington.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1700 hours only from Monday 6th April 2020 until Friday 17th April 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Benltey Lane, Wrightington – Bannister Lane, Wrightington and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow maintenance works on the BT Openreach network to be carried out by M J Quinn Integrated Services Ltd.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21953/EW]

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, HEREBY makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (C116 Clieves Hill Lane, Aughton, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

i. To amend Article 3 as follows:

The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 9th March 2020 until 2359 hours on Friday 13th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Friday 31st January 2020 and may be cited as "The Lancashire County Council (C116 Clieves Hill Lane, Aughton, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2020"

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21884/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(TOWER HILL ROAD, UP HOLLAND,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Tower Hill Road, Up Holland from a point 305m South West of its junction with Devon Avenue, Up Holland for a distance of 105m om a Southerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 17th February 2020 until 1530 hours on Tuesday 18th February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Tower Hill Road, Up Holland – Chequer Lane, Up Holland – Ravenhead Way, Up Holland – A577 Stannanought Road, Skelmersdale – A577 Windmill Road, Up Holland – A577 Newgate Road, Up Holland – A577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland – Tower Hill Road, Up Holland and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow cabling works for a new connection to be carried out by A Plant on behalf of BT.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22026/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0757/FUL Erection of a two-storey block to provide 8 residential units (6 x 1 bed, 2 x 2 bed). Erection of 9 dwellings (3 x 2 bed, 6 x 3 bed) with associated access road, car parking and landscaping at Land Opposite 16 - 32 Brierfield, Digmoor, Skelmersdale.

2020/0070/FUL Single storey rear flat roofed extension at 36 Roby Mill, Up Holland, Skelmersdale.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0071/LBC Listed Building Consent - Single storey rear flat roofed extension at 36 Roby Mill, Up Holland, Skelmersdale.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0080/COU Change of use from A1 (Retail) to combined use A1 (Retail) and D2 (Assembly and Leisure) to allow for a specialist pilates reformer and equipment studio and sale of pilates/yoga clothing at Unit 2A, The Boskins, Church Road, Tarleton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0100/FUL Replacement of existing timber front elevation double glazed windows with similar style high performance alloy powder coated windows, with dimensions of structural casement members to be very similar. New window casements to be Reynaers 68 system with lead cross hatched glazing to match existing. Colour to be very pale light grey (almost white), specifically RAL colour 7047 at 5 Beech Road, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days* of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

*17 days in the case of applications for Permission in Principle.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

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Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA
Corporate Director of Place & Community

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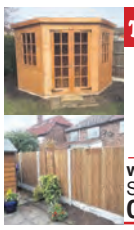

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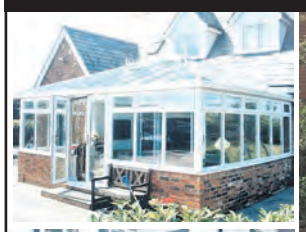

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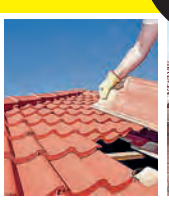

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YOU sit up and notice when the man behind the McLaren F1 and Mercedes SLR rustles up a new set of wheels. Especially when all the ingredients – on the face of it, at least – sound indisputably spot on to a set of petrolhead ears.

Gordon Murray's latest creation weighs in at less than 450kg, making it lighter than a Caterham Seven R500 or an Ariel Atom. You clamber into it after opening an SLR-esque 'gullwing' door that opens upwards, and there's just one, centrally-mounted seat, BAC Mono-style.

The body panels are composite, and underneath the structure's ultra-lightweight, high strength extruded aluminium. It has everything going for it to be a brilliant new supercar – but the MOTIV emphatically isn't one.

In fact, it's a beautifully engineered answer to a question I'm still scratching my head over.

The MOTIV, officially launched later this week at a show in London, might look like one of those automated pod things that darts around the car park at Heathrow Terminal Five but it in fact is Gordon's solution for city slickers who are currently clogging up Liverpool and Manchester with Fiestas and Astras that have only ever seem to have one person on board at any time.

It's fully autonomous, can crack 40mph on a cruise and can recharge its 20kw electric motor to 80 per cent of its capacity in just 40 minutes. It's also narrower than a Smart Fortwo – but if you send it off on its own on cargo delivery duties, it's got as much luggage space as an Audi A3 with the back seats folded down.

All while meeting car safety standards that – because it's officially a quadricycle, on account of weighing about as much as a helium-filled supermodel – it doesn't legally have to.

I don't even mind the fact that it's deliberately been designed to look 'non-threatening' (their words, not mine), because it's got weird echoes of 1950s bubble cars, which did exactly the same job but with tiny, two-stroke engines instead.

Nope, the only thing I'm still trying to get my head around is how it's been designed so explicitly with big cities in mind. I can count the times I've driven in Central London on the digits of a single hand because there's no reason why you'd want to; you can go absolutely everywhere on buses and the Tube.

Equally, there are very few places in Liverpool that I can't get to without using a Merseyrail train or the bus. So, I'm not sure why I'd hop into a MOTIV instead.

The Catch 22 is that in order to benefit from the MOTIV you'll either be somewhere where a train/bus/tram already does the job or you'll need to park up somewhere in a much bigger car, even if it is a Boris-friendly all-electric one, and switch vehicles.

As for anywhere else, would you want to tackle the trip in something with no room for your mates and runs out of puff at forty?

Exactly.

It's all the finest, freshest ingredients, cooked to perfection by Marco Pierre White and served in an exquisite, candle-lit, five star restaurant – it'd just be nice if you could remember what you'd ordered.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

The MOTIV is an electric autonomous vehicle being launched later this week

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PRICES for the eighth generation of Volkswagen's Golf have been confirmed.

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Right: The new range of electric Smart models arrive here in March

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Visitors have the chance to design and build their own cityscapes using card and paper-based materials provided.

The St Helens Road gallery will be hosting an opportunity for visitors to meet the artist and find out more about his work on Saturday, February 15 at 2pm.

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The gallery is also running a competition for anyone inspired by the exhibition to make their own dream town or city. Entrants should make a model of their creation and send a photo of it to the Utopia Design Competition.

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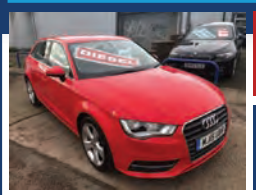

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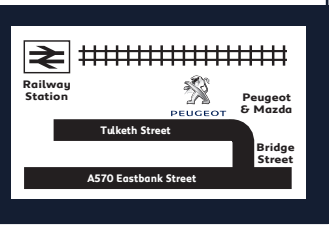

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Brodie goes down but the referee waves away the penalty claim. Picture by John Driscoll.

Late drama as Brodie is denied last gasp penalty

Skelmersdale United 2
Rylands 3

SKELMERSDALE United lost a five goal thriller last Tuesday (February 4) against a strong Rylands side.

Skelmersdale opened the scoring from a corner when Jordan Tyrer jumped above everyone and despatched a thunderous header into the Rylands net.

Rylands equalised on 24 minutes when Elliott Morris was brought down in the penalty box and Lewis Buckley scored from the spot.

Four minutes into added time in the first half Skem defender Tyrer scored an own goal from a Rylands corner.

Going into the second-half 2-1 down Skelmersdale swarmed forward from the restart, pushing Rylands right back onto the defensive.

In the 50th minute Skem levelled and at the time thoroughly deserved it. Rylands couldn't clear the ball and as it bounced around their goalmouth Carey grabbed his moment and with a spectacular overhead kick fired the ball home from six yards out.

Seven minutes from time Rylands got lucky again. A relatively innocuous header back by Cameron Glennon saw the ball misdirected and although goalkeeper Ben Barnes managed to get a touch he could only put it against his left hand post and the ball dropped into space for substitute Sam O'Halleron to make it 3-2.

Three minutes into added time there was controversy when Skem thought they should have had a penalty when Brodie went down under a challenge from the goalkeeper, but the referee waved away the appeals.

....but they won't have to wait long to get revenge!

SKELMERSDALE United won't have to wait long to get revenge on Rylands as they face each other again this Saturday.

Losing a five goal thriller will be fresh in their minds when they travel to Rylands, the match given extra significance after Skem were denied a last minute penalty.

Burscough are in action tonight (Wednesday, February 12) when they travel to Longridge Town.

The Linnets are without a fixture this Saturday, the break enforced by the North West Counties League who have left them without a fixture until Saturday, February 22.

Skem have a midweek game next week when they travel to play Bootle in the quarter-final of the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup on Tuesday, February 18.

They have a good chance of progressing as Bootle have lost two out of their last three games.

Skem's defence made to pay for switching off in final moments

Skelmersdale United 0
Irlam 1

SKELMERSDALE United suffered back-to-back home defeats after a narrow loss against Irlam, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

Paul McNally named the same starting line-up from the midweek game against Rylands with one exception as Richard Brodie replaced the unavailable Alex Davies.

The visitors started brightest with a chance for Jordan Southworth as he swept an effort past the target early on and at the other end, Emini Adegbenro sent a shot over the bar.

Two chances for the visitors on the half hour mark saw Southworth firing over the bar before Jordan Icely sent a shot just past the post.

At the other end, a looping Griffiths cross saw a vital stop from Lee White to prevent Adegbenro from connecting at the far post.

Irlam continued to threaten with Southworth cutting in from the wing and drawing a low save from Barnes with an angled effort and minutes later a great chance fell to Callum Nicholas but with the goal in sight he fired high and wide.

The second half saw both sides have their best chances of the afternoon before the hour mark, a long ball forward from Barnes bounced kindly for Jason Carey who looked to lift the ball over White but saw his chipped effort also beat the target itself.

Irlam's chance came on 51 minutes as Connor Martin's effort cannoned back off the post but had it crossed the line it would have been chalked off for offside. Clever play from John Main saw him tee up Icely who fired over a few minutes later.

An angled cross-shot from Carey forced White to tip the ball away from goal before Icely's shot from an angle saw Barnes parry before recovering under pressure. United tried their luck again from the opposite side with Tom Croughan's cross finding Carey at the far post but with a tight angle he could only hit over the target.

Skem concede a later winner against Irlam. Picture by John Driscoll

United had a great chance to open the scoring on 79 minutes with an acrobatic effort from Richard Brodie forcing White to tip the shot away from goal.

Like Tuesday night against Rylands, the final ten minutes saw United's hopes of a draw fall through as Irlam scored on 85 minutes. Callum Nicholas picked out Sam Bolton on the wing and combined with substitute and former United forward Mwiya Malumo to find Nicholas in space to head past Barnes for 1-0.

The final whistle minutes signalled the end of a mixed week for United that should have seen two draws at the least but instead left them with two defeats after late strikes.

Linnets' unbeaten run ended with narrow defeat to Avro

Burscough 0
Avro 1

BURSCOUGH'S three game unbeaten run was brought to a halt on Saturday at a windswept Victoria Park, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

A goal seven minutes into the second-half enabled the visitors from Oldham to fly away with all three points.

Going into the game Burscough had beaten promotion chasing Charnock Richard and lower mid-table Congleton Town and drawn with promotion contenders Longridge Town, a run that has moved them up the table from second to bottom to third from bottom.

Avro started the game with the upper hand and their passing game forced Burscough back, but on 20 minutes Burscough countered and could consider themselves unlucky to have a goal bound effort cleared off the line.

After that Avro continued to push and saw a couple of decent attempts go wide. They were having more of the possession but Burscough were far from out of it, a Luke Gibson shot going just over the crossbar.

AVRO on the attack against Burscough

The Linnets had the ball in the net on the half hour when Avro goalkeeper Jordan Latham found a free-kick too hot to hold onto, but a raised assistant's flag saved the visitors.

The Avro goal came on the counterattack when Joe Rathbone was put in the clear and finished past Burscough goalkeeper Dave Jones.

Burscough responded with a shot from Conor Ready that was too high then a header by Gibson that flew over the bar after a corner. Joel Douglas came on as substitute and his powerful style unsettled the Avro defence, but still despite having possession Burscough were not making sufficient inroads into a very well organised visiting defence.

Burscough almost rescued a point in added time.

A free-kick went into the penalty area and a scramble ensued, a shot went in but keeper Latham grasped the ball and the opportunity was gone.

The Linnets didn't play badly and you could argue that given luck they could have extended the unbeaten run to four, but Avro set their stall out well and were always going to be difficult to beat.

Other results went well for Burscough but their next two games are both against strong fancies for promotion and any point achieved would be an unexpected bonus, leaving Burscough again looking over their shoulders and hoping others get beaten.

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